





# 'The entire state of Israel is shaking your hand'

The following is the text of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's remarks at the ceremony to welcome him and Jordan's King Hussein to the White House.

The president of the United States, King Hussein, the king of Jordan: They say that the ancient custom of shaking hands developed out of the need to prove that neither person was holding a weapon. The first public handshake between his majesty, the king of Jordan, and myself a minute ago symbolizes much more than that two people will no longer [take] up

arms against one another.

Honorable Mr. President, Your Majesty, the King, what is actually transpiring here, hundreds of millions of people around the world shake hands many times each day. It's perhaps the most routine action, done almost automatically, without thinking, and it is actually [a] greeting of peace that unites almost all of the peoples of the world.

And here the handshake and excitement, the many of the photographers, the live broadcasts of television to all corners of the

globe, I share this excitement and know that at this moment in Jerusalem and Amman, perhaps all over the Middle East, a new era is dawning.

What I do wish you, Your Majesty, (is) that there will be another day of excitement and another, and that finally, no one will photograph our handshakes; it will have become part of the routine of our lives, a custom among all people, the behavior of every human being. And meanwhile, Your Majesty, the entire state of Israel is shaking your hand.

The following is the text of King Hussein of Jordan's remarks:

Mr. President, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, ladies and gentlemen, out of all the days of my life, I do not believe there is one such as this in terms of the feelings, the emotions relating to a long struggle; the memory of those who passed away; the memories of the victims of war. Feelings towards the present and the future, feelings of responsibility towards generations to come, and Israel and Jordan, all the Arab world and our entire region.

For many, many years and with every

prayer I have asked God the Almighty to help me be a part of forging peace between the children of Abraham as Muslims, for the word Islam means submitting to the one God. This is a dream that those before me had - my dear grandfather and now I. And to feel that we are close to fulfilling that dream and presenting future generations in our region with a legacy of hope and openness, where normality is that which replaces the abnormal in our lives which unfortunately over the years has become normal, where neighbors meet, where people meet, where human relations thrive, where all seek

with their tremendous talents a better future and a better tomorrow.

This day is a day of hope and vision. And we must admit, prime minister, and for myself, that we owe President Clinton and our American friends much in having made this possible.

You are our partners as we seek to construct and build a new future in our region for all our peoples and for all mankind. Thank you very much indeed for your courtesy and kindness and the warmth of your reception. We are proud to be here with you today, sir. Thank you.

## Without euphoria or angst

ANALYSIS

DAVID MAKOVSKY / WASHINGTON

YESTERDAY'S dignified White House ceremony had neither the euphoria of the 1979 Egyptian breakthrough nor the angst-ridden drama of the Israel-PLO accord of last year. But the agreement between Israel and Jordan appears the most promising in forging economic links and other forms of cooperation.

After the ceremony, Secretary of State Warren Christopher spoke of the need to "make possible the benefits of a warm peace even before peace is finalized." A Jordan-Israel peace treaty should be concluded within months, he said.

In announcing the Washington Declaration ending the state of belligerency between the two countries, President Bill Clinton ticked off areas in which the two countries would cooperate, ranging from border openings for third-party tourism to linking electricity grids.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein seemed sanguine as they charted future cooperation. Yesterday's ceremony was not an encounter between old enemies, but a coming-out party for two leaders have been meeting secretly for decades.

The tacit strategic relationship has been going on quietly for a long time. It has included patrolling borders to prevent terrorist infiltration and settling border problems. But economic cooperation is something new, and it could be a valuable peace dividend for both countries.

Not that such cooperation will happen immediately. Disputes over borders and water will have to be resolved first, and full normalization will not take effect overnight. Israelis will not be able to visit the Nabatean ruins of Petra tomorrow.

But officials on both sides are optimistic, for a variety of reasons. There are no existential issues that divide Israel and Jordan. The conflict

between the two is more technical than visceral in nature. Jordan has not fought Israel in 27 years (its participation in the 1973 war was nominal), and the king has abdicated the stickiest issue - the future of the territories - to the Palestinians. This lack of emotional baggage also augurs well for economic cooperation.

Rabin sweetened the pot yesterday, by asserting that Israel acknowledges Jordan's continued administration of Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem, and said it would take this into account during final status talks.

Another reason an Israel-Jordan accord may succeed is that the machinery is in place to make cooperation a reality, in stark contrast to a deal with the PLO, where everything has to be built from the ground up. Dr. Asher Susser, Jordan expert and head of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies, said, "we are talking about a deal between states. This is totally different from making a deal with [PLO Chairman Yasser] Arafat."

Israeli and Jordanian officials have been quietly dealing with each other for years. It was striking to compare the way aides of Hussein and Rabin shared advanced drafts of each other's White House speeches on Sunday to Arafat's broadsheeting Rabin by refusing to sign maps at the May ceremony in Cairo.

Rabin struck a note that defined Israel in broader terms than he has in the past. He drove home the point that the IDF's function extends beyond patrolling Israel's borders; that as a Jewish state, Israel has an obligation to send a rescue team to help search for victims in the rubble of the terror attack against Jews in Buenos Aires. And he noted that Israel has a universalist role, too. The IDF dispatched a field hospital to deal with Rwanda's hundreds of thousands of victims.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton escorts Queen Noor of Jordan (left) and Leah Rabin to the South Lawn of the White House yesterday.

## Jordanians jubilant over Hussein-Rabin meeting

AMMAN - Ululation filled the air when television broadcast live images of King Hussein exchanging warm handshakes and backpats with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Washington.

The fervor appeared a setback to Moslem fundamentalists and other peace opponents, who believe Hussein had gone too far, too fast for his subjects.

"Does the declaration mean that I can visit Israel next month?" asked Amal Baidoun, 26, a kindergarten teacher, as she watched TV at her luxurious apartment in an Amman suburb.

"This should have taken place fifty years ago," said Eid Marji, 45, an Amman bookshop salesman, who also watched the ceremony.

"This will lead to security and prosperity for us," he said, reflecting a widespread belief that a settlement with Israel would jumpstart Jordan's stagnant economy, straining under \$6.6 billion in foreign debt accumulated during the 1980s.

Saud Zubeidi, 32, a contractor, said: "Our King's courageous decision to meet with Rabin is an effort that he should be thanked for."

"He knows best what is good for his people and his nation and he has our full support," added Zubeidi, who comes from a prom-

inent Bedouin family. Zubeidi's reaction was shared by many who regard Hussein as a savior, who oversaw Jordan's development into a relatively prosperous and cosmopolitan nation from a backward, resource-poor land of nomads.

The Hussein-Rabin meeting appeared to have also drawn emotional reactions from the kingdom's elderly residents. Restaurant owner Nayef Kawash, 78, said it was the best thing he'd ever witnessed.

"We suffered a lot from wars and it is time for the young generation to enjoy the fruits of peace," he said in tears, as he sat in his chair taking an order from a customer.

Despite the jubilation, some Jordanians were cautious about the fallout from the White House meeting.

"I do not know what to say," said Osama Shashaa, 50, a trader, after pausing for a few minutes. "Are we going to see real peace or one that carries seeds of failure?"

Azzam Musri, 45, manager of Safeway Stores grocery, was pragmatic in his viewpoint. "What choice do we have?" he said. "The state of no war, no peace wasn't good."

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## Caution and optimism unite

HILLEL KUTTNER  
WASHINGTON

THE operative words on the White House lawn yesterday were "optimistic" and "comprehensive."

The signing of the Israeli-Jordanian declaration offered spectacular hope that another Israeli-Arab peace treaty was upcoming, but also caution because with Syria still out of the picture, a region-wide settlement remains far off.

Rather than be separated by nationality, Jordanian and Israeli officials were seated together. Ambassadors Itamar Rabinovich and Fayez Tarawneh and their wives sat side-by-side in the front row. Before and after the two ceremonies, officials from the two countries happily greeted one another, shook hands and exchanged pleasantries.

Ambassadors from Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE and Yemen attended, and five other Arab states sent representatives. Chief Syrian envoy Walid Muallem was not there but sent a representative in his place.

"When I look back on my own personal involvement - serving in Jordan - I remember the ups and downs and the difficulties, and then I remember the other things [like] the creation of the Madrid peace conference," ambassador to Israel (and former ambassador to Damascus) Edward Djerejian said following the ceremony.

"There is a continuum here. There is a change in the state of mind. There is no alternative to peace; war is no longer an acceptable alternative. What you saw today was a tangible manifestation of the state of mind."

Khalil Jahshan, executive director of the National Association of Arab Americans, said the event marked "another step on the road to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace, and I hope it will contribute to the momentum."

## RABIN

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"To make it clear what we have said. On the one hand, the progress being made now is a way not inconsistent with what we see as making progress with Syria as well," a senior administration official said.

Regarding Jordan's role in dealing with Moslem holy sites in Jerusalem, Rabin told reporters he was personally responsible for the phrasing of this section in the Washington Declaration.

"I personally drafted this part," Rabin declared. "I thought it was right to acknowledge the work Jordan's Wakf [Moslem Religious Trust] is doing now. They are doing a good job."

"Furthermore, when we reach final status [talks], we will give high priority to Jordan's role in dealing with the holy sites. We want to make a clear separation between earthly Jerusalem - a living city, and celestial Jerusalem, in other words, the holy sites," Rabin said. Jordan is willing to make that distinction and this is to Israel's liking, he said.

In addition, it is to Israel's advantage that there be more than one Arab partner when the future of Jerusalem is brought to the negotiating table, Rabin said, implying this ends the PLO's declared monopoly on administering the holy sites.

When Secretary of State Warren Christopher was asked by reporters about Jerusalem's inclusion in the

Washington Declaration, he replied that it was out of recognition "that Jordan will deserve priority consideration - and entirely and properly so." However, he stated that he does not think that "it should cause trouble" in the final status Israel-PLO talks.

Rabin aide Eitan Haber said yesterday the agreement surpassed Israel's expectations at the outset of negotiations.

"When we started work in a small team last week on the Washington Declaration, we had much lower expectations," said Haber. Haber disclosed that Israeli and Jordanian negotiators traveled back and forth between Jerusalem and Amman several times last week to discuss the details of the historic agreement ending the 46-year state of belligerency between the two countries.

"We worked hard for days and nights," Haber told Israel Television. "A very small team did a very explicit instructions of the king. King Hussein appointed only five people in his kingdom who knew, and just today expanded the circle. On our side there were also five people."

Haber said Hussein had suggested the parties not share the details of their agreement with Clinton until the last minute before the signing ceremony. But late Sunday night, Haber said, the Americans persuaded them to show Clinton the document.

## Text of the Washington Declaration

A. After generations of hostility, blood, and tears and in the wake of years of pain and wars, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are determined to bring an end to bloodshed and sorrow. It is in this spirit that His Majesty King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, met in Washington today at the invitation of President William J. Clinton of the United States of America. The initiative of President William J. Clinton constitutes an historic landmark in the United States unflinching efforts in promoting peace and stability in the Middle East. The personal involvement of the president has made it possible to realize agreement on the content of this historic declaration. The signing of this declaration bears testimony to the president's vision and devotion to the cause of peace.

B. In their meeting, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin have jointly reaffirmed the five underlying principles of their understanding on an Agreed Common Agenda designed to reach the goal of a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace between the Arab States and the Palestinians, with Israel.

1. Jordan and Israel aim at the achievement of just, lasting, and comprehensive peace between Israel and its neighbors and at the conclusion of a Treaty of Peace between both countries.
2. The two countries will vigorously continue their negotiations to arrive at a state of peace, based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 in all their aspects, and founded on freedom, equality and justice.
3. Israel respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Moslem holy shrines in Jerusalem. When negotiations on the permanent status will take place, Israel will give high priority to the Jordanian historic role in these shrines. In addition, the two sides have agreed to

act together to promote interfaith relations among the three monotheistic religions.

4. The two countries recognize their right and obligation to live in peace with each other as well as with all states within secure and recognized boundaries. The two states affirmed their respect for and acknowledgment of the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of every state in the area.

5. The two countries desire to develop good neighborly relations of cooperation between them to ensure lasting security and to avoid threats and the use of force between them.

C. The long conflict between the two states is now coming to an end. In this spirit, the state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel has been terminated.

D. Following this declaration and in keeping with the Agreed Common Agenda both countries will refrain from actions or activities by either side that may adversely affect the security of the other or may prejudice the final outcome of negotiations. Neither side will threaten the other by use of force, weapons, or any other means against each other and both sides will thwart threats to security resulting from all kinds of terrorism.

E. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took note of the progress made in the bilateral negotiations within the Jordan-Israel track last week on the steps decided to implement the sub-agendas on borders, territorial matters, security, water, energy, environment, and the Jordan Rift Valley.

In this framework, mindful of items of the Agreed Common Agenda (borders and territorial matters) they noted that the boundary sub-commission has reached agreement in July 1994 in fulfillment of part of the trust entrusted to it in the sub-agenda. They also noted that the sub-commission for water, environment, and energy agreed to mutually recognize, as the role of their negotiations, the rightful allocations of the two sides in Jordan River and Yarmouk River waters and to fully respect and comply with the negotiated rightful allocations, in accordance with agreed acceptable principles with mutually acceptable quality.

Similarly, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed their deep satisfaction and pride in the work of the trilateral commission in its meeting held in Jordan on Wednesday, July 20, 1994, hosted by the Jordanian Prime Minister, Dr. Abdessalam Majali, and attended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. They voiced their pleasure at the association and commitment of the United States in this endeavor.

F. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin believe that steps must be taken to both overcome psychological barriers and to break with the legacy of war. By working with optimism towards the dividends of peace for all the people in the region, Jordan and Israel are determined to shoulder their responsibilities towards the human dimension of peace making. They recognize

imbalances and disparities are a root cause of extremism which thrives on poverty and unemployment and the degradation of human dignity. In this spirit, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have today approved a series of steps to symbolize the new era which is now at hand:

1. Direct telephone links will be opened between Jordan and Israel.

2. The electricity grids of Jordan and Israel will be linked as part of a regional concept.

3. Two new border crossings will be opened between Jordan and Israel - one at the southern tip of Akaba-Eilat and the other at a mutually agreed point in the North.

4. In principle, free access will be given to third country tourists traveling between Jordan and Israel.

5. Negotiations will be accelerated on opening an international air corridor between both countries.

6. The police forces of Jordan and Israel will cooperate in combating crime with emphasis on smuggling and particularly drug smuggling. The United States will be invited to participate in this joint endeavor.

7. Negotiations on economic matters will continue in order to prepare for future bilateral cooperation, including the abolition of all economic boycotts.

All these steps are being implemented within the framework of regional infrastructural development plans and in conjunction with the Jordan-Israel bilateral on boundaries, security, water and related issues and without prejudice to the final outcome of the negotiations on the items included in the Agreed Common Agenda between Jordan and Israel.

G. His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have agreed to meet periodically or whenever they feel necessary to review the progress of the negotiations and express their firm intention to shepherd and direct the process in entirety.

H. In conclusion, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wish to express once again their profound thanks and appreciation to President William J. Clinton and his administration for their untiring efforts in furthering the cause of peace, justice, and prosperity for all the peoples of the region. They wish to thank the president personally for his warm welcome and hospitality. In recognition of their appreciation to the president, His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have asked President William J. Clinton to sign this document as a witness and as a host to their meeting.

His Majesty King Hussein/Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin/President William J. Clinton.

## Israel in secret talks with PLO, Jordan

OSLO (Reuters) - Delegates from the PLO, Israel and Jordan have been meeting secretly in Oslo to discuss sharing scarce fresh water supplies as part of the peace accords, Norway's NRK national television said on Monday.

"The partners tonight agreed on the text of an accord which will be an important tool in future negotiations," it said.

"It's going to be a very important step to achieve understanding on water between the partners in the Middle East," Israeli delegation leader Avraham Katz-oz told NRK.

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compensate the faction for the two senior posts it now cannot be given. Meretz was firm in its rejection of the agreement initiated with Shas last week. Communication and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni intends to meet Rabin after he returns from Washington in an attempt to find a solution to the dispute.

The Labor-Shas agreement includes a promise by Labor to amend the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, so that if the High Court interprets it in a manner that conflicts with religious law, legislation can be passed to circumvent the ruling.

Meretz's leadership and Knesset faction convened last night, and issued a statement forbidding Labor to sign and/or implement any agreement allowing retroactive "amendments" to circumvent court rulings. The statement said this would violate the status quo in religious affairs and alter the constitutional structure of the state.

At the same time, the statement said, the party wants Shas to join the coalition and is willing to make another effort, together with the leaders of Shas and Labor, to find a formula that would permit the expansion and strengthening of the government, given the political challenges ahead.

Meretz issued the strong statement, to, among other things, counter Labor's claim that it does not need Meretz's approval or consent to sign a coalition agreement with Shas.

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## Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the 10 of spades, eight of hearts, ace of diamonds and eight of clubs.

## Gertrude Oettinger is 90!

Happy birthday from Eli, Donny, David, Ken, Cathy, Janet Oettinger

## Jordanians at Sdom

AN OFFICIAL Jordanian delegation visited here for the first time yesterday, to make preparations for the continuation of bilateral talks that are to begin on August 8 and last for two days. The delegation and its Israeli counterpart met at the site of the talks, the Dead Sea Works in Sdom. (Tim)

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother

**SELMA (Suzi) WETTSTEIN**

née Glick

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, July 26, 1994 (18 Av, 5754) at 10:30 a.m. at the Yarkon cemetery.

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Her grandchildren: Gal and Dana  
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## Pact gives Jordan more control over Moslem holy sites in J'lem

THE Jordanian-Israeli understanding on Jerusalem included in yesterday's agreement makes official the special status towards Moslem holy places the Jordanians already enjoy.

But the agreement also goes a step further, promising "when negotiations on the permanent status will take place, Israel will give high priority to the Jordanian's historic role" in Jerusalem's Moslem holy places.

It is this statement that has Palestinian worried. They are concerned that Israel will try to reach a solution to the Jerusalem question by giving the Jordanians greater religious rights in the city rather than the Palestinians more political rights.

A senior aide to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that Israel's agreement to maintain Jordan's role as guardian of Moslem shrines in Jerusalem violated the PLO-Israeli peace agreement.

"This is a violation of the PLO-Israeli accord by discussing the issue of Jerusalem and the status of Jerusalem now," said Khaled Salam.

BILL HUTMAN

"Clinton's statement is a clear intervention to determine the solution to a very sensitive issue for Palestinians."

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, a leader of the opposition to Palestinian political aspirations in Jerusalem, praised the government for apparently preferring the Jordanian option.

"I am glad the government has made a priority of putting the Moslem holy places under a religious authority, as is the case today," Olmert said.

Olmert said it would be a grave mistake to negotiate Jerusalem's status with a "political group, like the PLO, that is only interested in the division of the city."

Following the Six Day War, Israel recognized Jordanian authority over the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount.

Moslem Holy sites on the Temple Mount and elsewhere in Jerusalem are overseen by the Jordanian Ministry of the Wakf, as are all mosques in the city and elsewhere in the administered territories.

Moslem religious courts and extensive property holdings have also remained under the Wakf's control since 1967.

A massive Wakf bureaucracy in eastern Jerusalem, carried over from before the war, receives its instructions and fundings from Amman. Wakf leaders in Jerusalem periodically go to Jordan to meet with ministry heads.

Over 1,000 persons are employed by the Jordanians through the Jerusalem Wakf, according to Arab sources. They include both religious leaders and laypersons working for Wakf institutions.

One Wakf official, who asked not to be named, said the agreement would bring no visible changes. "We've already been in control. This is nothing new," the official said.

Jerusalem Wakf director Adnan Hussein could not be reached for comment.



Moslem fundamentalist leaders protest in Amman yesterday against the summit in Washington between King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin.

## Kaddoumi says no change at present to Palestinian Covenant

News agencies

CAIRO — PLO hardliner Farouk Kaddoumi said yesterday that the Palestinian Covenant, which includes a call for the destruction of Israel, would not be changed until Israel signs a peace treaty with all Arab countries.

"Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin cannot ask the Palestinians to change or amend their charter until an Israeli withdrawal is completed from all Arab territories," Kaddoumi, the PLO's "foreign minister," said on his arrival in Cairo.

"It is premature to talk about inviting the Palestinian National Council (PNC) to change any articles in the charter before a peace treaty is signed with all Arab partners," Kaddoumi told reporters.

Kaddoumi, who played almost no part in the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, is expected to meet Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and other officials "to coordinate policies."

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has promised to convene the PNC, probably in Gaza, to consider the amendment of the clauses calling for Israel's destruction.

Meanwhile, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators will begin three days of talks today on extending Palestinian self-rule into other parts of the administered territories.

Israeli Embassy spokesman Jacob Setty said the Israeli delegation will again be led by Maj.-Gen. Danny Rothchild, the coordinator of activities in the territories.

The negotiators came close to agreement last week on Palestinian control over the education system and will now move on to discuss the health services, an Israeli spokesman said.

Under the PLO-Israeli agreements, the Palestinians are to gain control over education, health, tourism, direct taxation and social affairs in the rest of the territories in advance of local elections, which the PLO hopes will take place by the end of October.

"They've made pretty good progress on education and they should finish this," said Setty. "Then they should move on to health."

Israeli Ambassador to Egypt David Sultan told reporters that Nabil Shaath, in charge of planning in the self-rule areas, would head the PLO team.

## Rabin plays Hussein against Arafat

ANALYSIS

STEVE RODAN

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin's agreeing to allow Jordan to be a major player in negotiations on the future of Jerusalem is in line with government strategy of playing the PLO against the Hashemite kingdom.

As a senior official put it several weeks ago: "When Jordan refuses to go along with us we go with the PLO, and when the Palestinians make problems, we go with Jordan."

Last September, King Hussein was shocked when Rabin shook PLO chief Yasser Arafat's hand on the White House lawn and later called him a strategic partner. Yesterday, it was Arafat's turn to be stunned as Rabin opened negotiations on Jerusalem by making Jordan a clear favorite in the rivalry for sovereignty over at least the Islamic holy sites.

Officials are uncertain what Arafat's response will be. His agreeing to accept the Gaza/Jericho First accord was based on verbal assurances and a letter by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to his Norwegian counterpart

last year stating the Palestinians have a stake in determining the future of Jerusalem.

Arafat's adviser to the peace talks, Ahmed Tibi, appeared stunned as he heard the Israeli commitment, announced by US President Bill Clinton in Washington. "I must admit I am surprised," he said.

Rabin's tantalizing and public offer to the king that he would enjoy at least equal status in the Arab bid for Jerusalem might torpedo Arafat's trust in Israeli pledges and erode his own commitment to the PLO-Israeli accord. It would place Arafat in the position of a spoiler, a role he performed successfully as various Israeli governments tried to woo Jordan to negotiate the future of the territories in the 1970s and 1980s.

Would a miffed Arafat, who feels

he has been consigned to be Israel's puppet policeman of the Gaza Strip, agree to restrain his people? Would he order his officers to stop Palestinian infiltration into Israel, check the nearly 20,000 Gazan laborers who enter Israel each day for proper permits, and share intelligence information on Hamas and other Palestinian peace opponents?

Another question: Would Arafat allow the quiet battle that is simmering in Jerusalem, in which the PLO already operates a clandestine police and security network, to come out in the open?

Palestinian analysts say Arafat is certain that, in any struggle with Hussein for control of Jerusalem, the PLO chief would win hands down.

The head of the Wakf, the Moslem Religious Trust, which supervises Islamic holy sites and pays thousands of employees, might be hand-picked by Jordan — but his deputy is Arafat confidant Faisal Hussein.

## Jordan opposition condemns summit

News agencies

JORDAN'S opposition parties staged a sit-in in Amman yesterday, condemning the Washington summit between King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as a national catastrophe.

"Our nation faces the most dangerous turning point in its modern history, with peace talks that give in voluntarily to the usurper of our land and holy places," said Bahjat Abu-Gharbiyah, head of the Arab-Jordanian Popular Committee Against Normalization.

But the low turnout at the al-Husseini Mosque despite widely-publicized appeals by organizers lent credence to the king's assertion that most of his 3.9 million Arab subjects want peace with Israel.

The one-hour sit-in was organized by a coalition of eight Moslem fundamentalist and leftist groups opposed to the peace process.

"The Washington meeting is a black day in our history," one of their banners read.

Abu-Gharbiyah told hundreds of protesters "This peace is an attempt to consolidate the hegemony of the

Zionist entity through normalization that allows its cancerous spread until the shores of the Arabian Gulf."

Ishaq Farhan, head of the Islamic Action Front which forms the largest opposition group in parliament, said the government would never succeed in removing a psychological barrier against Israel.

"Normalization is a national catastrophe. We will never normalize with the Zionists even if a hundred accords are signed," he said.

Abdullah Akallah, a leading Islamic Action Front member of parliament, said agreements made in the current peace talks would not be binding.

"Peace is not created by regimes. It is only attained if peoples are convinced of it," he told Reuters.

Akallah said the new momentum in Israeli-Jordanian peace talks "achieved for Israel what none of its repeated military campaigns had gained it."

Demonstrators urged their leaders to declare yesterday a day of mourning.

## Flotilla carries message of peace from Eilat to Akaba

HAIM SHAPIRO and news agencies

WHILE Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein met in Washington yesterday, a flotilla of small craft carrying hundreds of passengers sailed out from the Red Sea port of Eilat to the maritime border with Jordan to bring a message of peace to their neighbors in Akaba.

About 50 speedboats, yachts, fishing vessels, glass-bottom tour boats and people on jetskis sailed out of the Eilat marina toward Akaba, flying Jordanian and Israeli flags from their masts.

"The municipality of Eilat and the residents of the city relay a message of peace to our neighbors in Jordan," read a message on the lead vessel. On the other side of the sign, facing the Israeli shore, was a message of encouragement for Kadash.

Two navy patrol boats proceeded alongside the fleet, sending out messages in English on an international radio wavelength to explain the boats were sailing for peace and would not cross the border.

The seaborne delegation was led by Deputy Mayor Shimon Aglinsky, as Eilat Mayor Gabi Kadash was in Washington as part of Rabin's delegation.

According to Eilat municipal spokeswoman Michal Meir, the yachts waited for about a half hour and finally saw three Jordanian vessels approaching, the Akaba port tugboat and two Jordanian patrol boats.

At least one of the vessels was seen carrying an Israeli flag, she said.

The Israeli vessels called out in Arabic for the Jordanian seacraft to come closer, but the Jordanians indicated that they could not do so, she said. Finally a reporter for *Yedioth Aharonot* approached the Jordanian boats in a speedboat and threw an Israeli flag onto one of the Jordanian vessels.

A crowd of hundreds of onlookers was on the quay to welcome the Israeli boats on their return, she said.

"This is the most exciting day of my life," said Adina Rozanes, a boat owner who helped organize the sailing. "Only when we will be able to sail there freely will I be more excited."

Ruth Kurutz, a veteran Eilat skipper of 25 years, shouted into the radio "I'm crossing the border...because I swore I would be the first Israeli skipper to sail to Jordan once peace was achieved."

Kurutz only crossed a few feet into Jordan's waters before turning to sail along the border for about half an hour with the rest of the fleet.

The festive mood in Eilat was reflected the North, where Israeli children sent balloons and kites across the frontier to the Jordanian side of the border.

Israel Radio said the kites delivered invitations to Jordanian children, urging them to join in a celebration for peace.

carrying an Israeli flag, she said. The Israeli vessels called out in Arabic for the Jordanian seacraft to come closer, but the Jordanians indicated that they could not do so, she said. Finally a reporter for *Yedioth Aharonot* approached the Jordanian boats in a speedboat and threw an Israeli flag onto one of the Jordanian vessels.

A crowd of hundreds of onlookers was on the quay to welcome the Israeli boats on their return, she said.

"This is the most exciting day of my life," said Adina Rozanes, a boat owner who helped organize the sailing. "Only when we will be able to sail there freely will I be more excited."

Ruth Kurutz, a veteran Eilat skipper of 25 years, shouted into the radio "I'm crossing the border...because I swore I would be the first Israeli skipper to sail to Jordan once peace was achieved."

Kurutz only crossed a few feet into Jordan's waters before turning to sail along the border for about half an hour with the rest of the fleet.

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## Arafat congratulates Rabin and Hussein

LAMIA LAHOUD and news agencies

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday congratulated the leaders of Israel and Jordan for their agreement ending the state of belligerence between the two countries.

"I appreciate very much what has been done and I am sending my congratulations to his excellency President Clinton and his excellency King Hussein and his excellency Prime Minister Rabin at what they have signed today," Arafat told reporters in Gaza.

"It is a continuation of this peace process and the long march to achieve a long and peaceful solution in the whole area and we hope we will have the same on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks."

Palestinian chief negotiator Nabil Shaath, who holds the Palestinian planning portfolio, told *The Jerusalem Post* he hopes the Jordanian-Israeli negotiations will not have a negative effect on the Israeli-Palestinian talks, which are resuming today in Cairo.

Shaath said he thinks the Israelis realize that the breakthrough with Jordan would not have been possible without the implementation of autonomy in Gaza and Jericho. He added he hopes that the progress with Jordan would put the Israeli public at ease, and encourage them to move ahead on the Palestinian track.

He described the PLO-Israeli talks as "advancing very slowly," but said the new people facing each other across the negotiating table. He said he

hoped that this week Israel and the Palestinians would agree on the transfer of control of education and health services.

Figures from all the Palestinian political factions have expressed concern that Israel and the international community will opt for a Jordanian-Israeli solution for the future of the administered territories and eastern Jerusalem.

Riad Malki, a spokesman for the rejectionist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said he believes the Jordanians decided to negotiate openly with the Israelis to divert attention from the Palestinian track.

He said this was the king's way of retaliating against the PLO for its signing the Declaration of Principles in September without consulting with him.

"Israel is more eager to reach an agreement with Jordan because the government does not face any opposition for peace with Jordan," he said, adding that Israel thinks the issue of Jerusalem can be resolved more easily with Hussein, since he only has religious, not political claims on Jerusalem.

Mohammed Jadhallah, of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which also opposes the peace process, said he believes the Americans and Israel want to pressure Arafat into accepting a confederation of the territories with Jordan. It is for this reason the donor states are reluctant to pay the Palestinians the money they had promised, he said.

## Rabin urges funding for Jordan

HILLEL KUTTLER

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin is on the fund-raising trail — for Jordan.

"Without aid, peace is a question mark," Rabin said at a dinner here, hosted by Ambassador Yigal Rabinovich Sunday night. "Peace doesn't rise by itself. It comes from the power of reality. And if there's economic deprivation in Jordan, with no hope of solution, this process won't bear its full fruit."

Rabin inferred that the US, "not only as a friend of Israel, but as one leading the peace effort in the region," should ante up funds for Amman, much as it had for Egypt and Israel after they signed the Camp David accords, and for the Palestinians following the Oslo agreement.

At the same time, Rabin also paid tribute to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who held secret talks with the king last November.

"Peres did good work in November, but the whole thing blew up. We had to start all over again in May, but this time I said, let us only do practical things," Rabin refrained from saying why Peres's secret meeting with Hussein failed in November, but insisted that it was not because of publication of the encounter at the time.

At the May meeting, the premier reportedly made clear that unless King Hussein moved forward, the monarch could be eclipsed by the

## 'Secret May meeting led to summit'

DAVID MAKOVSKY

WASHINGTON

Israel-PLO accord. Hussein gave no confirmation that he would indeed move forward, but Rabin left with a feeling that the monarch was about to end decades of private encounters with Israeli officials.

Rabin credited President Bill Clinton as being pivotal in ensuring that Hussein's tentative interest would be translated into tangible movement.

Before a meeting between the American and Jordanian leaders at the White House in June, Hussein wrote Clinton a letter, broadly outlining

ing Jordan's economic and military needs, a senior Clinton Administration official said.

Clinton responded point by point during a meeting with the king, much to the monarch's surprise, the official said. The senior official continued, "The president told the king that if he would take dramatic steps towards peace, he would work with him to both alleviate \$650 million in loans as well as help modernize a downsized Jordanian army. The president said he would work with the king to help persuade Congress. The king made no commitments, but this was the key meeting."

"We thought he would meet Rabin

in October, but then once Jordan announced a trilateral meeting on Jordanian soil, this changed. I think the king passed a psychological threshold at this point, and all of a sudden he decided to speed up the summit," the senior US official recalled.

Rabin told reporters Hussein was willing to hold the public meeting with the prime minister at Ein Avrona last week, but was dissuaded by US and Israeli officials. The prime minister refused to disclose why this was the case, but speculation rests on the Clinton administration's interest in staging a White House sequel to last September's landmark Israel-PLO accord.

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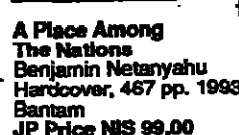
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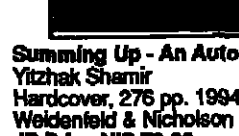
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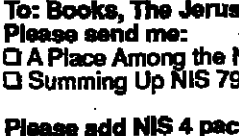
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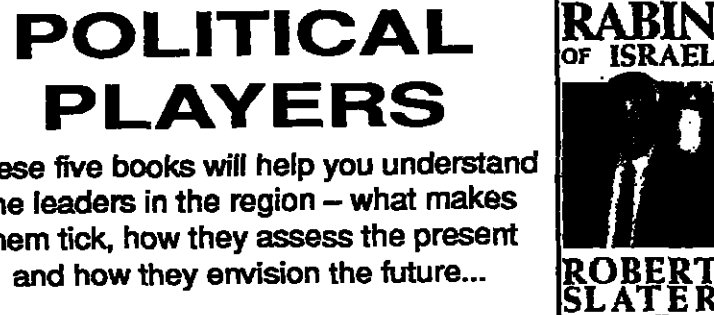
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## Panel to examine separating courts from Justice Ministry

EVELYN GORDON

THE court system might become an independent authority, rather than a department of the Justice Ministry, if a proposal now being studied by a newly established public commission is adopted.

The goal of the proposal, announced by the ministry yesterday, is to make the judiciary less dependent on the government.

At present, the ministry makes almost all decisions relating to the allocation of resources, ranging from the establishment of new courts to the wages of courthouse employees. If the proposal is adopted, the court system would instead become an independent authority, which would receive an annual budget from the government every year but would use that budget as it sees fit.

However, some decisions would still be out of its hands, according to a ministry spokeswoman. The Knesset finance committee, for instance, would continue to set judges' salaries.

The commission, appointed by Justice Minister David Liba'i and Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar, will be headed by Jerusalem District Court President Vardi Zeiler.

In addition to Civil Service Commissioner Yitzhak Galnoor, it will include representatives from the Treasury, the Justice Ministry, the judiciary, the Israel Bar Association, academia and the court employee unions. It is supposed to present its conclusions by the end of the year.

## 2 held after massive raid in drug-plagued Taibe

RAINE MARCUS

EARLY yesterday some 100 policemen raided the Triangle village of Taibe, searching houses and, after a car chase, arresting one resident with a stolen weapon and a quantity of heroin and a second with an undisclosed quantity of illegal drugs.

Drug dealing, shootings, and other crimes are getting out of control in Taibe, according to residents and police. According to Knesset statistics, 18 percent of the residents abuse drugs.

Following recent shoot-outs involving drug dealers and other criminals, Sharon police chief Dep.-Cmdr. Bertie Ohayon has deployed massive forces there in an attempt to calm the atmosphere and deter future violence.

"We intend keeping forces in Taibe," said Ohayon. "We will not allow these acts of violence to continue."

Police met with Taibe Council Head Rafik Haj Yihye on Sunday night. Ohayon said police are trying to involve community leaders in their campaign against drugs and violence.

However, one resident said villagers are afraid to cooperate, because drug dealers rule the streets.

"Why should they cooperate when they feel they are not safe?" he said. "They are afraid for their lives. Unemployment is rife here and young people have nothing to do. The next development may be groups of hostile elements who will indulge in terrorist activities."

But Haj Yihye said community and clan leaders would encourage residents to cooperate with the police crackdown.

"We cannot thoroughly eradicate problems here," he said, "but we can definitely reduce them. At least we are doing something about our problems and are not as in other places—trying to sweep them under the carpet."

The government must find jobs for the unemployed and help rehabilitate addicts who wish to kick the habit, he added.

Haj Yihye and community leaders have distributed a pamphlet around the village urging residents to help combat drug use and violence.

## Probe finds gross negligence by guards at Abu Kabir

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE investigating the incident in which a teenage boy was raped and abused for several hours by four youths in a cell in the Abu Kabir lock-up, said that guards on duty there were guilty of serious negligence and dereliction of duty.

The only guard on duty at the youth wing apparently fell asleep after a long shift, and no one was making periodic checks in the youth wing, as regulations require.

The 16-year-old youth, from a haredi family, was in Abu Kabir for the first time. He had been arrested on suspicion of burglary and was placed in a cell with four other youths who, during the night, stubbed cigarettes out on him, bound and gagged him, and then raped him.

Sgt. David Assif, who is in charge of the inquiry, has recommended that guards responsible face disciplinary proceedings.

Assif also recommended that first-time young offenders at Abu Kabir will be segregated from other detainees. Additional manpower should be deployed in the youth wing, to ensure proper monitoring of conditions there, he said.

But lawyer Yair Ronen, of Defense for Children International, said that this is not the first time a detained minor has been raped, and blamed police for not following the regulations pertaining to young offenders.

### Local cigarette prices up

DOMESTIC cigarette prices will rise today by 3.45 percent, and domestic notebooks will cost 8% more, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday.

Supervisor of Prices Aryeh Bar yesterday signed the orders allowing for the price hikes, which he said were justified by the increased cost of raw materials.

The following prices of cigarette packs include Value Added Taxes (VAT):  
 Golf 100 NIS 4.50  
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 Royale NIS 3.00  
 Ascot NIS 2.60

The price of 40-page and 16-page notebooks will rise to NIS 0.95 and NIS 0.35, respectively.



A teenager learns to fire an Uzi yesterday at a Kach youth camp in Kiryat Arba.

(Brian Hendler)

## Jerusalem boys train to kill at Kiryat Arba Kach camp

BILL HUTMAN and HERB KEINON

KACH may have been outlawed and its top leadership jailed, but this has not deterred the organization from running a summer camp for youth, providing them with para-military training and indoctrination.

Organizers gave several journalists a tour of the camp in Kiryat Arba yesterday. The organizers said they are not violating the law because they are operating as "former Kach activists."

Nine teenagers attended what the organizers described as the first session, which ends today. Two other sessions are planned for Kiryat Arba and Mitzpeh Yericho in the coming weeks.

With no attempt to hide their activities, the youths were taken through a series of military drills at the soccer field in Kiryat Arba. They carried machine guns, pistols, and knives. During the camp the youths slept in the homes of "former" Kach activists in Kiryat Arba.

"I've had enough with the Arabs always attacking us, and we not responding," said Moshe, a 16-year-old from the Shmuel Hanavi neighborhood of Jerusalem.

"I'm here to prepare to take revenge for the next attack," said the teenager, who like the others wore yellow T-shirts with "They Won't Break Us" emblazoned on the back and "We Are All Kahane" on the front.

The youths were also taken to pray at the grave of Baruch Goldstein, who carried out the Hebron massacre in February. One of the organizers of the camp, who did not want to be identified, said the youths were taken to recite psalms at Goldstein's grave, because "It is our custom to pray at the graves of the righteous."

Just as we took the youths to Yishai's grave, and to the Machpela Cave in Hebron, we also took them to Dr. Goldstein's grave. He, too, is righteous."

A number of Kach leaders were jailed and the group was outlawed immediately after the massacre, as part of the government's crackdown on right-wing extremist groups.

Kach activists, however, have continued to operate, although taking care to identify themselves as "former Kach members" in an effort to side-step the ban on the group. Much of the violence that has accompanied some of the anti-government demonstrations recently has allegedly been initiated by Kach activists.

Police have closed the group's offices in Jerusalem, but so far have not taken action against other group activity, such as the summer camp.

Police spokesman Eric Bar-Chen said the group may have violated laws by using a personally issued Uzi submachine gun for weapons training. He said the police would investigate.

In addition to learning how to "defend themselves against knife attacks and rock throwers," the youths received daily lessons in the ideology of Kach founder Rabbi Meir Kahane, one of the organizers said.

Several leading activists who were not jailed, including Avishai Raviv and Natan Levy, organized the Kiryat Arba camp.

The youths, who organizers described as "future Kach leaders," were between the ages of 12 and 18, with most of them from Jerusalem.

### Malaysian prince faces punishment for Israel trip

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) — The brother of Malaysia's king will be punished for visiting Israel in violation of Malaysian law, the *New Straits Times* reported yesterday.

Tunku Abdullah Tanaku Abdul Rahman, chairman of Melewar Corp Bhd and a friend of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, has said he went to Israel for three days in June on a personal visit.

"On the surface, it seems he has committed a crime for visiting a country which is prohibited under Malaysian law," Law Minister Syed Hamid Almar was quoted as saying.

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## Border policeman dies of wounds from Erez attack

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A BORDER policeman who suffered serious wounds during the riots last week at Erez checkpoint died early yesterday.

Sgt.-Maj. Jacques Attias had been hospitalized at Beersheva's Soroka Hospital with severe head wounds since the riots, and never regained consciousness.

Attias, 24, was shot by Palestinian policemen during the riots. His brother, who is waiting for a kidney transplant, was unable to receive Attias's kidney, which was incompatible.

The Border Police officer was buried yesterday afternoon at Roshchim, near Haifa.

Hundreds of friends from the town, border policeman, Border Police commander Yitzhak Aharonovich, Police Minister Moshe Shalev, OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnai, and Police Inspector-General Asaf Hakebi, joined Attias's family at the funeral.

"We want to say that from a position of strength and pride we want peace in order to ensure that there will be no other incidents like that [in which] Jacques was killed," said Shalev. "But we cannot promise that the peace will exist if the other side does not honor it."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Accident victim saves six lives

Six organs taken from a 16-year-old youth who was killed in a motorcycle accident were transplanted into five patients in three hospitals yesterday. All recipients were in good condition.

The youth died at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital, whose doctors transplanted one of the victim's lungs into a 56-year-old man. A 50-year-old woman received one of the youth's kidneys. The other kidney and a pancreas were transplanted at Beilinson Hospital into a 32-year-old Safed man. The other lung was rushed to Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and transplanted into 53-year-old Maor Sternberg. Yehudit Hadad, 44, of Beit Shemesh, received the donor's liver at Hadassah. The heart was not suitable for transplant.

#### The sound of music around the country

The eighth annual Gush Katif Hassidic Song Festival opened last night near Neveh Dekalim, with appearances by the IDF Rabbinical Choir, and two Bnei Akiva choirs.

The festival will end tonight, with performances by Mordechai Ben-David and Benny Elbaz. In addition to the musical performances, there is also an art fair, tours in the area, and jeep rides.

In Safed, the seventh annual Klezmer Festival will open today. At the last minute, the municipality succeeded in paying all the bills from last year's festival, after several artists threatened not to perform unless the outstanding debts were paid.

On Thursday, the finals of the Halleluyah worldwide song contest will take place at Jerusalem's Safra Square, next to City Hall. Eight Jewish musicians and musical groups from around the world will be competing.

## Agreement with Jordan will make Israeli airspace prime territory

HAIM SHAPIRO

EL AL spokesman Nachman Kleiman, responding to reports that Jordan has agreed to overflights through its airspace, said he sees it as a return to the time when this country was the central hub of the Silk Route, linking Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

"The shortest way to get from the eastern US to India will be by way of Israel," said Kleiman.

By flying due east from Israel, the flying time from Tel Aviv to Bombay would be cut from seven-and-a-half or eight hours to four-and-a-half hours, Kleiman said, while flying time to Bangkok would drop from 10 hours to seven-and-a-half hours.

Kleiman admitted that in order to fly these new, shortened routes, Israel would need not just an agreement to fly over Jordan, but also to use the airspace of Saudi Arabia and Oman. He said, how-

ever, that both of these countries have already indicated that in the event of peace they would consider allowing Israeli overflights. He added that aside from goodwill, both countries had an incentive to agree to this, since they would have shorter air routes to Europe if their planes could fly over Israel.

He said that El Al has already been in contact with travel agents dealing with Indians living in the eastern US, who might be the first to use the new New York-Tel Aviv-Bombay route. Another attractive route from the east coast would be to Hong Kong via Israel, he said. El Al is hoping to inaugurate flights to Hong Kong by the end of the year.

"It will be like the old silk route," he said, speaking of the time when ships and caravans would travel to China and India in search of silk and spices.

## Palestinians begin TV course

LIAT COLLINS

TWENTY Palestinians, including seven women, began a four-month course this week on producing television news broadcasts.

The course, taught in eastern Jerusalem, is being conducted with the help of three Arabic-speaking European teachers.

After an initial two-week training period, the group hopes to produce a pilot TV news magazine as a training tool, according to Daoud Kuttab, one of the organizers.

The course will teach the trainees to work with the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation, which recommended 10 of the students, as well as in the private sector.

Intensive classes will take place eight hours daily at the Palestinian National Theater, where the small hall has been arranged to closely emulate a broadcast studio.

Among the subjects being studied are: camera, sound, editing,

reporting, news reading and studio management.

Qassim Abed, a British documentary filmmaker of Iraqi origin, will train reporters; Maysoon Fakhachi, a British editor also of Iraqi origin, will supervise the editors; and Omar el-Aidi, a French-Moroccan, will work with camera and sound trainees.

The program is being funded by the Soros Open Society Fund and is being carried out in cooperation with the American-based organization Internews, which has experience in assisting other nascent television stations particularly in the former Eastern bloc.

"We have succeeded in getting some of the best trainers who also speak Arabic — this helps us overcome the language barrier," said George Khleifi, artistic director of the Jerusalem Film Institute at the theater. "Our aim is to create professionals who will study in an environment similar to that in which they will work."

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## Buchenwald rampage outrages Israeli envoy

WEIMAR, Germany — Israel's ambassador to Germany, Avi Primor, visited the former Nazi death camp at Buchenwald yesterday to express his country's outrage over a weekend rampage by neo-Nazi skinheads.

A gang of 22 neo-Nazis went on a rampage through the camp on Saturday, throwing stones, shouting Nazi slogans and threatening to burn a woman who works there, police said.

A tour bus carrying 21 young men and one woman pulled up Saturday evening at the former camp, now a national memorial to the 56,000 people who died there between 1937 and 1945.

Shouting "Sieg Heil" and giving the stiff-armed Hitler salute, they broke a window in a barracks building and pulled out a car that was part of an exhibit on inmates' labor.

"One of them said to this woman, 'I'll burn you with my own hands,'" Weimar policeman Oswin Werner said in a national television interview.

"We are concerned because we are seeing these things in different parts of Germany too often to regard them as chance," Primor said after hearing accounts of Saturday's attack.

He said he found it incomprehensible that the perpetrators of neo-Nazi violence were often detained only briefly and then set free.

Israelis were very concerned about such incidents even though only a minority of Germans were involved, he added.

Around 56,000 Jews were murdered during World War II at Buchenwald, which is near Weimar in eastern Germany.

One youth was arrested after Saturday's incident and prosecutors said further arrests were possible.

In a statement released earlier in Bonn, Primor said:

"News of the violation of the Buchenwald memorial on Saturday, July 23, was received with outrage in Israel. These events are just one link in the chain of violence of recent times."

The head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Ignatz Bubis, called for strict enforcement of Germany's laws banning Nazi paraphernalia and propaganda.

"These attacks are not just adolescents showing off. We're well past that stage. These are planned actions," Bubis said in an interview with the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, an eastern German newspaper.

The incident was one of four over the weekend in which police had to deal with displays of neo-Nazi extremism.

On Friday night, 14 youths aged 18 to 20 were arrested in the eastern city Magdeburg for marching around and singing Nazi songs. They may face charges of spreading propaganda of the illegal Nazi party.

## Turnout low in Ukraine poll

KIEV (Reuters) — Ukrainian electors, preferring sunshine to voting for the fifth time in four months, stayed away in droves from polling stations in more than 100 weekend by-elections, preliminary results showed yesterday.

Election officials said only about 20 challengers won outright in Sunday's voting for 112 seats left open after a general election in April — almost a quarter of the 450-seat chamber.

Parliamentary by-elections where turnout did exceed the required 50 percent and gave an outright majority produced a scattering of centrists, likely to support President Leonid Kuchma in a power struggle with the left-wing chamber.

"For the most part these are... not communists. I'm convinced they will join the centrist factions, not the left-wing," said Ihor Tsehtyko, secretary of the Central Election Commission.

A second round of voting in 45 districts will take place in two weeks. Voting was declared invalid in 47 districts, where turnout was under the limit — hardly surprising at the height of the summer holiday season.



A Civil Defense worker throws quicklime over the bodies of Rwandan government soldiers, near the cemetery in Goma, Zaire. More than 150 bodies were brought here by French army soldiers for burial in a mass grave. (Reuters)

## US halts 'time-wasting' food drops into Zaire for Rwandan refugees

ENTEBBE, Uganda (Reuters) — The US military halted food drops to Rwandan refugees in Zaire yesterday as the United Nations evaluated what aid workers said had proved to be a time-wasting stunt.

"We halted the flights pending clearance for further flights from the UNHCR," Lieutenant Gaele Glickfield, spokeswoman for the US aid operation based at Entebbe airport, told Reuters.

"US embassy officials are meeting with UNHCR bosses right now to try and get this authorization," added Glickfield.

A spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said of the aid drops, which only started on Sunday:

"They were a test run and now we are assessing that. Only the airports are affected. Other US flights from

Entebbe to Goma in Zaire are proceeding normally," added the spokeswoman.

Grim-faced US soldiers paced airport lounges waiting for further or others sat in the shadows on the airport tarmac or sunbathed.

The US military halted its first drop of 16,344 kilos (36,000 pounds) of food north of the eastern Zairean town of Goma as a success but aid workers said it missed its target and denounced it as unnecessary and a waste of their own resources.

The US military said the load hit the chosen target.

Witnesses said a pallet of food narrowly missed crushing a French military helicopter on the ground. The pilot jumped out.

Relief workers with the aid organization CARE had to abandon food they were already distributing at the

Katole refugee camp and dash through banana plantations retrieving the US pallets.

CARE was given so little notice of the aid drop that it sent out six or seven empty trucks from Goma, 58 kms away, to collect the US aid. If the trucks had more time to load up they would actually have taken out more aid than the US planes had dropped, a CARE official said.

"It was a waste of time and resources of busy people in an emergency," CARE spokeswoman Alison Campbell said.

A UN World Food Program (WFP) official said the camp at Katole was already well provided with food.

Aid workers said the aid drop seemed to be a mismanaged attempt by the US military to appear to be responding quickly to a directive issued by President Bill Clinton last

week to move large amounts of aid to Rwanda.

Six US Air Force planes loaded with humanitarian supplies and 200 servicemen and women arrived in Zaire to join the US aid operation for refugees in Zaire.

More planes landed with troops, food and medicine on Monday but Glickfield declined to give details. The commander of the US operation, Air Force General Jack Nix, arrives in Zaire today.

Entebbe is supposed to be the air hub for US aid flights to neighboring Zaire, Burundi and even Rwanda. US officials said they expected the humanitarian relief operation, coordinated out of the European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, to be one of the biggest undertaken by the military.

## International contact group opens Bosnia talks

MOSCOW (AP) — High-ranking diplomats from Russia, the United States, Britain, Germany and France met in closed session yesterday to discuss the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the latest plan for ending the war in Bosnia.

UN and European Union representatives also attended the talks, held at an undisclosed location, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Bosnia's Muslim government has accepted the plan, which would give 51 percent of Bosnia to a Muslim-Croat federation and 49 percent to the Serbs, who now control about 70 percent. But Serbs insisted on further negotiations, which US officials described as tantamount to a rejection.

The five nations meeting yesterday drafted the plan. They had threatened to tighten sanctions on Serbia proper and ease an arms embargo on Muslims if the Bosnian Serbs rejected the proposal.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told the ITAR-Tass news agency the collapse of the peace plan could have catastrophic consequences.

He called the offer "a balanced plan that reflects the interests of all the sides."

The Interfax news agency said the group was looking at the Bosnian Serbs' "vague response" to the plan and would set the agenda for the next ministerial-level meeting on Bosnia, to be held in Geneva on Saturday.

Russia, a traditional Serb ally, is seen as the best hope for getting the plan accepted.

Interfax said President Boris Yeltsin's envoy to Yugoslavia, Vitaly Churkin, was representing Russia at yesterday's talks.

On Saturday, Churkin told Interfax: "The response of the Bosnian Serbs, to put it mildly, can't satisfy us to the fullest extent."

He said the international community was continuing to work with the Bosnian Serbs "so that their final answer would be more sensible and definite."

Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev was to travel to Belgrade today to meet with "presidents and military ministers" in the former Yugoslavia, ITAR-Tass reported.

## Saudis helped fund Iraq atom drive, defector says

LONDON (Reuters) — A former Saudi Arabian diplomat has told Britain's *Sunday Times* his country helped fund Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's nuclear program as part of a secret 20-year campaign by Riyadh to acquire its own nuclear weapons.

The London-based weekly newspaper carried a lengthy report under the front-page banner headline: "Britain's Gulf War ally helped Saddam build nuclear bomb."

A spokesman for the Saudi Arabia Embassy in London said he could not comment, and British Foreign Office officials said they were not aware of the report.

The paper said Mohammed Khilawi, second in command at the Saudi mission to the United Nations in New York until he defected in May, had shown it some of the 13,000 official Saudi documents he took with him when he left.

One of them was a transcript of a secret meeting he attended between Saudi and Iraqi military teams in 1989, a year before Iraq's invasion of Kuwait which led to the Gulf War.

At the meeting, the Saudis pledged funding for Saddam's nuclear program and handed over specialized equipment Iraq could obtain nowhere else, the paper said.

The *Sunday Times* said the documents, which Khilawi released to expose alleged "political and financial wheeling and dealing," showed the Saudi rulers had given Saddam up to \$5 billion for his nuclear program.

In return, the Iraqis were to share the technology they acquired with Riyadh.

"The funding was only stopped with the outbreak of the Gulf War," the *Sunday Times* said.

"The deal, which will appeal Britain and other Western allies who helped to liberate Kuwait and protect Saudi Arabia from invasion, was part of a global search for nuclear weaponry which began in 1975 and has remained hidden from the West," it said.

Khilawi, who denounced his government's human rights record when he defected, is now in hiding outside New York and seeking political asylum in the United States.

"The disclosures are so damaging that Khilawi was warned on Friday by a US government agency of a plot to kidnap him and return him to Saudi Arabia," the newspaper said.

The report pointed out that in the 1970s the Saudis had also bankrolled efforts by Pakistan to acquire nuclear arms.

## Athens reportedly offered machinery and expertise to sanctions-hit Iraq

AMMAN (AP) — Greece has promised Iraq sophisticated machinery and expertise to rebuild the country's infrastructure, devastated by the 1990-91 Gulf crisis, Arab diplomats said yesterday.

The diplomats told The Associated Press that the Greek offer was made to Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, who visited Athens this week.

Aziz, President Saddam Hussein's foreign affairs anchorman, passed through Jordan on his way back home yesterday. He was not available for comment while in Amman.

The Iraqi and Greek embassies here said they had no information on the Greek offer, which apparently came in return for Iraqi pleas to Athens to help lift international sanctions imposed on Iraq following its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Papado Paulou, a first secretary at the Greek Embassy, said: "I have no information on the content of Mr. Aziz's visit to Greece and therefore I do not have any comment."

One of the Arab diplomats, speaking in exchange for anonymity, said the socialist government in Athens "promised the Iraqis that it could provide them with expertise and help to rebuild their nation after the sanctions are lifted."

"The Greeks also promised that

they would provide Iraq with sophisticated construction machinery," the diplomat said without specifying the nature of the machinery or whether their dispatch to Iraq would be in violation of the UN-imposed sanctions.

According to the diplomat, Aziz's visit to Athens "marked a new era of warm relations between the two nations and it might soon lead to signing of bilateral trade and oil agreements between the two sides."

The sweeping sanctions include a blanket embargo on Iraqi exports, including oil, but exempt food and medicine.

However, European businessmen, with apparent blessing from their governments, have been flocking to Baghdad and signing contracts that will take effect after the sanctions are lifted.

Athens' approach to Iraq appeared to be aimed at ensuring that "it gets a pie of the cake when it is baked," said a Western diplomat referring to expectations that the sanctions against Baghdad will be eased soon if not lifted altogether.

"The Greeks don't want to be left behind by their European compatriots," the diplomat added, Greece is known to have supplied military uniforms to Iraq in 1992 despite the sanctions.

## Diana could appear in court in 'peeping tom' case

LONDON (Reuters) — Princess Diana may "break" with "traditional" British royal protocol and take the witness stand against a gym boss who secretly took photographs of her working out in a leotard, her lawyers said yesterday.

Mishcon de Reya, the law firm acting for the estranged wife of heir to the throne Prince Charles, said it was possible the princess would make an appearance in court on counsel's advice when the case is heard early next year.

Rarely have senior members of the royal family given evidence in court. Edward VII was the last to do so when he was a witness in two court

cases before his accession to the throne in 1901.

The 33-year-old princess is suing Bryce Taylor, the proprietor of a gymnasium she once used, for secretly snapping her on an exercise bicycle with a peephole camera and the owners of *Daily Mirror* newspaper for publishing the photographs.

"The question of whether her royal highness will give evidence will be decided on the advice of counsel nearer the time of the trial," the princess' lawyer, Lord Mishcon, said. He declined to say what that advice would be but did not rule out the possibility of a court appearance.

Citing client confidentiality, he de-

clined to comment on a report in the *Sun* tabloid newspaper that said Diana was actively pressing for a court showdown over the sneak photographs rather than settling quietly out of court.

Some critics said the princess, who retired from public life last year for a period of reflection about her future, might use the case to launch a publicity coup against her estranged husband after they become eligible for a no-fuss divorce.

Prince Charles, 45, managed to lift his popularity last month with a frank television interview in which he admitted he had been unfaithful to his wife after their marriage had "irre-

trievably broken down."

Royal watchers took his use of the legal term for marital failure as proof the prince had consulted his lawyers about filing for divorce after December, when the couple will have lived apart for the minimum-required two years.

The gymnasium photographs were published shortly before the princess announced her retirement from public duties last December, citing the burden of press intrusion.

The furor boosted pressure for statutory curbs on the British press, which since that time has shown much more restraint towards the royal family.

## Sinn Fein refuses to endorse British-Irish peace bid

LETTERKENNY, Ireland (AP) — Political allies of the Irish Republican Army said yesterday that they haven't rejected a British-Irish peace initiative for Northern Ireland, though they spurned some of its key principles.

"The peace process is very much alive," Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams told reporters yesterday. A day earlier, Adams told delegates to a party convention that the British-Irish initiative "does not deal adequately with crucial core issues."

The convention did not call for an IRA cease-fire, which the two governments have said is essential before they talk with Sinn Fein.

Britain and Ireland agreed that a process was alive, but Sinn Fein so far wasn't part of it.

"Yesterday was very disappointing," Irish Foreign Minister Dick

Spring said yesterday.

"The expectations were that we would see some progress, indeed some gestures, towards establishing peace in Northern Ireland... and that was not forthcoming," Spring said.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the British Cabinet official in charge of Northern Ireland, said it was "a tremendous disappointment, and a very great shame and disgrace, that they [Sinn Fein] are not prepared to give up violence."

In December, British Prime Minister John Major and Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds said they would back any solution in Northern Ireland that was acceptable to a majority of its people.

Sinn Fein rejected that as giving a veto to the Protestant majority, which strongly supports British rule in Northern Ireland.

## Ousted Gambian president accepts asylum in Senegal

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — The ousted president of Gambia took up exile yesterday in neighboring Senegal as the young army officers who overthrew him consolidated their grip on power. The tiny West African country's new head of state was Lt. Yahya Jammeh, 28, who not yet born when President Sir Dawda Jawara became independent Gambia's first prime minister in 1965.

Jammeh, who reportedly once received three months of military training in the United States, and three other lieutenants toppled Jawara on Friday. They suspended the constitution and political parties and declared a curfew.

Jammeh told religious leaders Sunday that a new government composed mainly of civilians known for "moral integrity" would be named soon. He said the army took power to stop corrupt rule.

A US warship brought Jawara and his entourage to Dakar on Sunday as Senegal granted asylum for the president and his family "for humanitarian reasons."

Jawara, his two wives, other family members, his vice president and finance minister took up residence yesterday at Senegal's official guest residence. The interior minister also managed to escape into Senegal, crossing the closed border.

The USS La Moure County had been making a port call when the coup was staged. The president fled to the tank-landing ship. His attempt to negotiate with the mutineers via ship's radio failed.

The coup reportedly had origins in anger over late pay for peacekeeping service in Liberia. But Jammeh was quoted by a Gambian newspaper, *The Observer*, as saying he planned it in 24 hours to avenge being humiliated.

## Financial scandals spread across Europe

### Former cabinet minister charged in corruption probe

LYON, France (AP) — Alain Carignon, who resigned as communications minister to defend himself in a corruption case, was charged yesterday with conspiracy and receiving illegal funds.

Carignon, 45, quit the cabinet July 17 so he could be formally charged and gain access to police files, while relieving Premier Edouard Balladur of potential embarrassment.

The resignation was the first from Balladur's right-wing government. The Carignon case and other emerging scandals could erode Balladur's upstart image and hurt his front-runner status to succeed President Francois Mitterrand in elections next May.

One of the right's rising stars, Carignon has come under suspicion of financial impropriety in connection with a press group, Dauphine News, that supported his mayoral campaign in Grenoble in 1989.

Carignon's critics have accused him of being the hidden owner of Dauphine News and receiving what amount to thinly veiled bribes from a city contractor to keep it afloat.

Marc-Michel Merlin, president of the company that supplies Grenoble's water, has been charged with illegally paying 800,000 francs (\$150,000) to Dauphine News in 1989. When it went bankrupt after Carignon's campaign, another firm connected to Merlin bought it and paid off about 5 million francs (\$1 million) in debts.

### Fininvest financial executive turns himself in

MILAN, Italy (AP) — A top executive of Premier Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest empire turned himself in to authorities yesterday in connection with a bribery scandal.

Salvatore Sciascia gave himself up at Milan's courthouse, news reports said. A warrant had been issued for his arrest Saturday.

Sciascia, a financial executive, is accused of making payoffs to internal revenue service auditors who examined the books at some media holdings, including Talepin, a pay television service partially owned by Fininvest. One payoff may have helped Berlusconi's younger brother, Paolo, prosecutors allege.

Another Fininvest executive, Gianmarco Rizzi, also is being sought. Rizzi is a former fiscal police official hired as a consultant.

The investigation does not directly target Berlusconi, who has given up management responsibilities at his Fininvest SpA publishing, television and retail empire.

But the probe could challenge Berlusconi's image as a reformer untouched by corruption scandals that have touched nearly 3,000 business and political figures across Italy since early 1992.

It could also raise questions about the motivation for a failed decree that ended a practice of jailing suspects while investigations were still under way.

### Athens court orders opening of ex-premier's bank accounts

ATHENS (Reuters) — The Athens Appeals Court Council yesterday ordered the bank accounts of former conservative prime minister Constantine Mitsotakis opened in connection with a parliament probe into allegations that he took bribes while in office.

The court said its ruling was based on documents sent to the Athens prosecutor by the parliament, questioning the legality of funds in the accounts of Mitsotakis and three other people.

Parliament voted in May to investigate allegations that Mitsotakis took a \$22.5 million bribe during the sale of the state-owned AGET Heracles cement company in 1992.

Mitsotakis has denied any wrongdoing in the \$225 million sale of the company to Italy's Calcestruzzi and the state-run Greek National Bank.

The AGET sale was the only success of his 1990-1993 conservative government's privatization program.

The socialist-controlled parliament, elected last October, has already ordered Mitsotakis to stand trial on charges of illegal wiretapping between 1988 and 1991.

The committee investigating the cement company sale will report to parliament next month, and will recommend whether a vote should be taken on lifting Mitsotakis' immunity from criminal prosecution in the AGET case.

### 7,000 bus and train workers strike in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 7,000 bus and rail workers went on strike against the nation's second-largest transit system yesterday.

The union called the strike after it was unable to reach agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Au-

thority by late Sunday.

No talks were scheduled.

It's the first strike since 1982, when drivers walked off the job for five days. There was a 68-day walk-out in 1974.

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## The White House ceremony

YESTERDAY'S moving ceremony at the White House recalled the scene there 15 years ago, when then-prime minister Menachem Begin and president Anwar Sadat signed the Camp David accords. But the resemblance was mostly in the fact that an Israeli premier and an Arab head of state publicly shook hands and agreed that the war between them was over.

There were also significant differences between the two occasions. Israel and Jordan have not been at war for a long time; they have had a de facto peace for two decades. In fact, in the years of formal peace with Egypt, more Israelis have been killed by Egyptians than as a result of incidents on the Jordanian border. Nor has the Washington ceremony marked the signing of a peace treaty. It was more a photo opportunity which put a public stamp on an existing situation.

Indeed, the practical results are meager. The borders have yet to be demarcated, something which Jordanian officials say may take six months. Nor was there an official announcement on opening the borders to Israeli tourists traveling on Israeli passports, or on opening consular offices to facilitate movement between the countries. For now, Jordanians can still travel to Israel, while Israeli tourists cannot travel to Jordan.

Nor has the Jordanian government announced the repeal of Nuremberg-like laws which prohibit Jews from living in Jordan and make selling land to Jews a capital offense.

Yet the effect of yesterday's ceremony should not be underestimated. The impact on the Arab world of open, warm relations between an Israeli premier and an Arab king, particularly one who rules over a mostly Palestinian people, must be

immense. The momentum of peace has been given an extraordinary impetus.

The role of the United States in the happy event must be noted with special appreciation. It may be true that the Clinton administration needed a foreign policy triumph after many recent disappointments. And it is true, too, that Jordan would not have been ready to collaborate in this event had it not received an American pledge to have its debt of almost \$1 billion canceled and its army equipped with advanced weaponry, including F-16s. But the fact is that Secretary of State Warren Christopher, often unjustly derided for ineffectiveness, managed to pull all the disparate and often conflicting elements of this agreement together with consummate skill.

It must be hoped that with his expertise and wisdom, Christopher will help Israel extricate itself from the morass of the PLO orientation into which it got itself. The most promising clause in yesterday's agreement is the one which stresses the special Jordanian role in Jerusalem's Moslem holy places, and which promises to give special consideration to that role in negotiations on the "final status."

The Madrid conference convened with the Palestinian representatives appearing as part of the Jordanian delegation. This arrangement, on which the Likud government insisted, stressed the affinity of the Palestinian people on both sides of the River Jordan. If yesterday's ceremony can help Israel move back to this orientation, with Jordan playing the dominant role in any "final status" arrangement between Israelis and Palestinians, the date of July 25 will be remembered as a true turning point in the peace process.

## Race against catastrophe

IN the race between the tortoise and the hare, the tortoise eventually won. In Rwanda, mass death is the hare and world aid the tortoise. Even if the aid wins in the end, the slowness of the response to what may be the biggest tragedy since the Cambodian killing fields is intolerable.

Television viewers of the world have been watching in horror for weeks as the refugee trickle turned to a flood, and then a tidal wave. By the weekend, if every aid agency worker across the globe had been deployed to the Rwanda-Zaire border, each would have to supply and care for 500 people.

The aid workers on the ground were invisible in the human torrent of misery. Supplies were non-existent. Experts warned that within 24 hours cholera would get a grip on the refugees. It did, and thousands of humans are dying like insects. President Bill Clinton at last gave the lead, as the United States should, and ordered the emergency airlift. Yet by yesterday this newspaper's correspondent in Goma, Alon Pinkas, reported that, apart from a strong French presence, Israel's medical aid contingent of eight C-130 Hercules and 80 people was still the biggest and most significant relief force to have arrived. The attempted US air-drop of food flopped - "too little, too late, and too far away" said one aid worker, who wondered why the US military preferred spectacular failures to boring efficiency like using trucks. It could be a metaphor for the whole international relief effort.

Meanwhile, the cholera epidemic raced away under the laws of geometric progression. Pinkas reported bodies on the fringe of the airport, bodies of children piled in Goma streets, bodies in hundreds piled on the city's edges. The cholera toll was 11,000 by yesterday morning, and accelerating.

While the failure to save all these lives will weigh heavily on the world's conscience, the disaster has been compounded by some callous behavior from local Zaireans. Goma Airport officials were demanding \$2,000 in landing fees per relief flight. One official parked his chair under the wheels of an early aid arrival at the weekend and demanded \$7,000 dollars for permission to take off.

A return home under safe conduct is the only solution left for the refugees, yet border officials closed the frontier with Rwanda on their own initiative, trapping those who wanted to leave between starvation, cholera, and armed bureaucrats. Only when the furious Zairean Prime Minister Kengo Wa Dondo arrived to berate the officials would they open the border.

Israel's contribution will at least alleviate some public feelings of frustration and helplessness over the carnage in Rwanda, but it is no time to wallow in national pride. It is time to urge the bigger and more important contributors - and the Zaireans - to get their act together at last. By far the most efficient worker in Goma remains the grim reaper.



## Sorry, Mr. Netanyahu

AMBAADOR to Washington Itamar Rabinowitz has referred to the peace rapidly taking shape between Israel and Jordan as "the peace everyone loves to love."

That might be somewhat exaggerated. But there is no question that the formal contacts between Israelis and Jordanians - and especially the Rabin-Husseini summit - come across as much more natural and congenial than those between Israelis and Palestinians.

One reason for this is that Jordanians and Israelis have been meeting informally for several decades. The two sides have many converging interests. Then, we are dealing with two sovereign states facing each other on more or less equal terms - which isn't the case with Israel and the PLO.

Also, the conflict between Israel and Jordan was never as bitter and personal as between Israel and the Palestinians, and the sediment of hatred and suspicion is consequently much shallower.

It would have been very nice had Israel and Hussein been able to design to placate the Likud-led government. By the time the talks moved to Washington, separate negotiations were taking place between Israel and Jordan on the one hand, and Israel and a Palestinian delegation from the territories on the other.

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between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

But when the agreement was brought to the cabinet, it was effectively vetoed by the Likud. And in July 1988, King Hussein declared that he was washing his hands of the intifada-infested territories.

The Madrid Conference in October 1991 opened with a single Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. But it was little more than a fiction designed to placate the Likud-led government. By the time the talks moved to Washington, separate negotiations were taking place between Israel and Jordan on the one hand, and Israel and a Palestinian delegation from the territories on the other.

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tracks - is totally misleading. Progress on the Jordanian front was, in fact, conditioned on an agreement first being reached either with Syria, which meant our agreeing to return the Golan Heights, or with the Palestinians, which meant direct talks with the PLO. The Likud, which refused to discuss giving up any territory on the Golan or talking to the PLO, was simply incapable of delivering.

The fact is that the issue of the future of the former territory of Mandatory Palestine on both sides of the River Jordan, and relations among the peoples who lay claim to this territory can only be resolved on a triangular basis, with Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians.

Jordanian involvement is Israel's interest because this is the only way to prevent the development of a permanently separate Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (although temporarily, such a state might be unavoidable). It is in the Palestinians' interest because what they fear most of all is Israeli "economic imperialism."

King Hussein is interested in being involved because, despite his disclaimer of July 1988, he still has major interests, especially in the West Bank and East Jerusalem; and he has no interest in giving up his rights over the Islamic holy places.

Very soon, three sets of agreements will exist: a set of political and economic agreements between Israel and the Palestinians, another set between the Palestinians and Jordan, and a third one between Israel and Jordan.

Thereafter, the political game will involve constant juggling among these three sets of agreements - something resembling the classical "balance of power."

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## Helmut Kohl on a skewer

IN Berlin not long ago, a senior US diplomat created quite a stir by saying a lot of things about Germany that needed saying.

He lambasted German society for its growing intolerance toward foreigners, heaping a measure of blame on Chancellor Helmut Kohl for failing to provide moral leadership or take preventive action to send the right signal to the German public. The chancellor, whose Christian Democrats have had to play catch-up in public opinion polls keyed to national elections in October, was said to be "not amused."

Kohl has plenty of reason to be edgy. His periodic pandering to the right on issues involving foreigners and international irritation over xenophobic violence are starting to bother even Germans given to disgust with the political process.

Germans are fed up with skyrocketing budget deficits, unemployment at 4 million and a \$100 billion-a-year bill for German unity. The Social Democratic Party and its leader, Rudolf Scharping, still look as if they have a genuine opportunity to send Kohl packing after 12 years in office. For the sake of dispelling the neo-Nazi specters Kohl finds so hard to deal with, let's hope they do.

The pillorying of Germany and Kohl came at the hands of Douglas Jones, principal officer in the US embassy's Berlin office and a Foreign Service veteran who, because he was about to retire, could afford to depart from the circuitous language of diplomats.

What attracted attention was Jones' skewering of Kohl for having asserted that Germany "is not a country of immigration." This attitude may explain why Germany has no immigration policy and no race-relations legislation, why foreigners are expected to conform while they do the work Germans don't want to do, why foreigners lack acceptance or the ability to make the country their own. And worse.

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"If I were a skinhead," Jones asserted, "I might feel confirmed in my prejudices by hearing that Germany is not a country of immigration. That would signal to me that the nearly 7 million foreigners who live here legally do not belong here, and that I am justified in wanting them out. And this sentiment is not limited to skinheads."

A US diplomat speaks out about growing German brutalization. The chancellor isn't amused

The skinheads, along with swastikas, Nazi uniforms and Heil Hitler salutes, can't be dismissed, as Kohl has done, as evidence of a weak lunatic fringe. These murderous hooligans, social misfits and losers are too much a part of the scene.

IT'S TRUE they lack effective national organization and leadership; their numbers are limited enough to avoid comparison with the Nazis of the '20s and '30s. But they are the bullies and shock troops ready to march if a leader similar to Jean-Marie LePen of France emerges in Germany.

Neither does it make sense to generalize from the skinheads and neo-Nazis to the German people as a whole, any more than American society should be reckoned from Hell's Angels, the Aryan Nation or the Ku Klux Klan.

Jules Zanger, a visiting American professor in Frankfurt and a specialist on multiculturalism, points out that in both countries,

these groups are held in contempt by the majority of the population - and in Germany are outlawed to a greater degree than in the US.

Whether or not skinhead excesses of the '90s are comparable to Klan outrages of the '60s, a statistic cited by Zanger is disquieting. He says most of the hate crimes in Germany have been committed not by hardcore skinhead societal drop-outs, but by disaffected middle-class teenagers coming out of decent schools and reasonably good environments.

It's a common defense by young men arrested for violence against Turks, Yugoslavs, Gypsies, Jews, Greeks or Russians to say simply, "We were drunk." That can mean either "We wouldn't have done it if we had been sober" or, worse, "We wouldn't have had the courage to do it if we had been sober."

A poll reports that 43 percent of all Germans believe Jews are now in greater danger in Germany. Concrete examples are not hard to find. A synagogue was firebombed in March in Luebeck, the first such attack on a Jewish house of worship in Germany in a half-century.

The issues of German xenophobia, racism and antisemitism, in violent forms or otherwise, shouldn't be viewed in isolation. To one degree or another, all European countries are experiencing them. For Germany, the danger is less a resurgence of Nazism than a brutalization of society.

More progress must be made toward guaranteed civil rights for those who are now foreigners in Germany. Otherwise public attitudes toward minority communities will remain dangerously ambivalent and the world will be entitled to wonder whether Germany has truly turned its back on the evil attitudes and impulses of days past.

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## O.D.ed on O.J.

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

WHILE about 30 percent of cable TV viewers are trying to fight their way back to mental composure from an O.J. overdose, the other half are struggling with withdrawal symptoms, as the media slowly lowers their daily O.J. input.

This is temporary, and not going to cure anyone's addiction. After all, the foregoing has only been an advertisers' blurb for the upcoming trial.

As with all addictions, the user decides. But easy availability of the drug also plays its part. And when the public has such a lavish array of voyeuristic treats set before it, surely the "pushers" are also responsible for what happens.

From that first dramatic scene, the much-viewed "car chase" down the L.A. freeways, the entire O.J. case has been orchestrated, particularly by the media, but not without the willing participation of the authorities.

Take that car chase. It was more like a grand procession. And from then on, the orchestration became more blatant until it wasn't a case of "life imitating art," or even of art imitating life. It was life imitating soap opera and media hype.

Hang on, addicts... your next fix is on the way

The leaked tapes of calls to the emergency 911 number and the close-up views of the gory murder site were all grist for the media mill.

At the arraignment, we were presented with a scene that is a soap opera director's dream:

The defendant, an African-American who is a national icon; rich, famous and handsome. The victims - both young, white and good looking, murdered in a most brutal fashion. The prosecutor an attractive white female; the defense lawyer a Jew; the judge a black female.

This cast changed by the time of the pre-trial hearing, when a second white female was substituted as judge. But that didn't matter, because we had a parade of expert witnesses from all parts of the ethnic galaxy, including an Asian-American criminologist and a California-type hanger-on-cum-careaker.

Even the courtroom sessions were carefully staged, with the judge leaving the audience in suspense at the end of every session. The defense attorneys gave a mysterious envelope to the judge on breath before the bloodstain expert identified the blood types, and so on. There was even a lost and distressed dog with blood-stained paws.

BY THE time this was over, the media, not wishing to drop their viewers "cold-turkey," latched onto the most improbable subjects for discussion.

These included such absurdities as comparing prison meals with menus from which O.J. has ordered in recent months at some of California's most prestigious restaurants, and a long talk session with major American crime fiction masters on how they were writing a book about it.

So what is left? The trial. A hunt for jurors who haven't been influenced by this overdose of information. They will, it seems, be largely dominated by experts representing both sides. These will be discussing the relevance of eastern subjects like DNA fingerprinting techniques.

Whatever happens, the jurors are going to be the number one problem, because there can scarcely be a person left in the US who doesn't already have an opinion as to the guilt or innocence of O.J. Simpson. The polls show only a minuscule undecided minority.

In all this, one is forced to ask: What ever happened to sub judice evidence? And how about the fact that an accused is presumed innocent until and unless he is found guilty by a jury of his peers? And: while we're about it, what about common decency and respect for privacy?

Is this to be a racial trial? Or a sexist trial, based on evidence of wife abuse? Or is it to be a contest between a panel of jurors who have had such an overdose of O.J. information that they already know what they believe?

Whatever, the truly addicted only have to hang in there. Their fix is coming.

And in the meantime, they can trust the media and the authorities to keep them on a maintenance dose. It may not satisfy, but it will take the edge off their withdrawal.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE VERY LAST STRAW

Sir, - In his article of July 8, "A bundle of last straws," the eminent scholar Prof. Emil Fackenheim lists a number of examples of this government's failure and nondemocratic behavior. At the end, he asks a question to which a vast number of Israelis would like an answer. "What, I wonder, will the very last straw be?"

Permit me to suggest that it can be found in Moshe Kohn's column in the same issue where he quotes from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's address to the fund-raising "leaders" participating in the Jewish Agency General Assembly: "Peres appealed to the charitable sensibilities of the audience" by comparing the standard of living of the average Israeli with that of the Arabs in the administered areas. He implied that Israel is at least indirectly responsible for the Arabs' plight in that, as a result of our repelling Arab aggression in 1948 and 1967, many of them lost their lands, homes and livelihoods. We were therefore obligated to help alleviate their plight.

I read the words twice in sheer disbelief. All that was needed from the man who conducts our foreign policy was an apology to the Arabs for having prevented them from wip-

ing us out. After all, they made no secret of their objective of doing just that (an aim that is embodied in the racist PLO Covenant).

Mr. Peres had no words of disdain for Arabs who, despite their vast oil wealth, have kept their refugee brethren in camps as political pawns for decades. No demand for compensation for all that Jews from Arab countries suffered before their "transfer" from what was the Jewish people's most ancient diaspora, leaving behind billions of dollars worth of personal and communal property. Or for the cost of their largely successful absorption into the life of Israel, where today they and their offspring comprise nearly half the country's population.

In the past, many were the public complaints both here and abroad about Israel's poor information (hasbara), mainly the purview of the Foreign Ministry. It seems that we did not know how fortunate we were. To judge by what we hear from the current minister and his deputy, we are now using the Israel taxpayers' money to further Arab propaganda. This surely is "the very last straw."

MALKA HILLEL SHULEWITZ  
Jerusalem.

### DAINGEROUS REALITY

Sir, - I was deeply moved by the sad story told by Prime Minister Rabin in his recent address on receiving the UNESCO Peace Prize in Paris (the Post, July 15), concerning the death of three of the Kaplan family's four sons.

I was especially saddened by the thought that there is a real chance that Amram, their fourth son, may one day be killed by one of the thousands

of terrorists who have been released from jail by this government.

It is time for this government to awake from its peace dreams and face the dangers of reality. It should stop handing out parts of our land and even considering giving away the Temple Mount.

H. MARK  
Jerusalem.

### ROAD SIX

Sir, - When will we learn to look ahead before plunging into projects for which future generations will pay the heaviest price for irremediable damage to our tiny land?

The planned highway (Road Six) will cost about \$1.25 billion and will gobble up 25,000 dunams of scenic and fertile land. The accompanying "developments" (cafes, petrol stations, etc.) will not only add to the destruction of the natural flora and fauna, but increase litter and pollution.

Surely other solutions, such as a modern railway system, should have been given priority in alleviating the road congestion? Why are the authorities, paid to protect the country from ecological abuse, so suspiciously reticent?

RUTH AND GIDEON STERN  
Jerusalem.

### PIPE-DREAMS

Sir, - In his "Slanders, right and left" (July 12), Misha Louvish is a perfect example of Moshe Kohn's comment (same page) on those who fear "that facing reality will shatter their daydream."

Mr. Louvish's imaginary world consists of "facts" such as - in his own words - "freedom of worship for all and unhampered access to the holy places of all faiths." The unpalatable truth that only Jews are not allowed to pray on the Temple Mount is conveniently ignored, just as much as the stark reality that both Messrs. Rabin and Arafat are good at promising one thing one day and doing the opposite the next.

Yes, Mr. Louvish, pipe-dreams masquerading as "facts" are much more soporific.  
Jerusalem.

R. ABT



## Rolling Stones have gathered some moss

NEW RELEASES  
TIRZAH AGASSI

**T**HE Rolling Stones' *Voodoo Lounge* (Helicon) is a pretty stupid album.

"Your love is strong," it opens. "Your love is so sweet/You make me hard. You make me weak." And believe me, in 15 long tracks, it doesn't get any better.

The Stones are in their 50s and 60s and apparently going through a phase called "loss of plumage" in which the males of certain species become very fond of strutting whatever stuff they still have left.

These fellows have been old enough to study Kabbala for more than a decade. What do you think can be holding them back? Could it be the fact that they are giving the great unwashed precisely what they're looking for?

They are on tour again this summer as one of the season's hottest acts. Originally they were expected to ask between \$40 and \$70 a seat. But ever since Barbra Streisand put her top tickets at \$350 and saw them snapped up, it looks like the Stones could easily get \$100 per head.

There is one song on *Voodoo Lounge* that pretends to have a socially redeeming value. It is called "Blinded by Rainbows" and is billed as "a chilling anti-terrorism ballad." It mentions Jesus on the cross in the first line and various nasty things thereafter. But somehow sandwiched in between "Suck on the Jugular" and "Baby Break It Down," it fails to convince.

A friend of mine once observed



Mick Jagger, Keith Richards (right) and Ron Wood belt out a song during a preview concert for their 'Voodoo Lounge' tour at a club in Toronto. (AP)

that the baby boomers' epitaph should read "Could Have Tried Harder." As second childhood sets in, this sounds true indeed.

**SPEAKING OF childhood,** second or otherwise, another recent release comes to mind. It's *The*

*Flinstones*, Music from *Bedrock* (Hed Arzi). Anyone with the stomach can sample the B-52's cover of the old "Mee" the Flinstones theme. Then there's the band *Was Not Was* on "Walk the Dinosaur" and "Prehistoric Daze" by Shakespeare's Sister

and The Holy Ghost.

I haven't seen the movie yet, so maybe I'm being unduly dour. But it does seem to me that the summer of '94 is not exactly the musical equivalent of "The Summer of Love." One bright spot is Pearl Jam's live release of *Disident*

(NMC), with those crashing guitars

and Eddie Vedder's urgent vocals. It's good to hear one band from Generation X that has decided that fighting ticket-gouging monopolies is a more seemly protest against the erosion of values than blowing out one's brains.

In an effort to keep tickets to its

concerts under \$20, Pearl Jam began a battle against American ticket-broking colossus Ticketmaster. These actions led to a Justice Department investigation. Whoever said youth was wasted on the young?

## Hit that just won't go away

MIKE KLINGAMAN  
BALTIMORE

**A** hush falls over Oriole Park as a slim brunette with a big voice steps toward the plate to belt one out.

Peggy Santiglia Davison doesn't disappoint, sending the National Anthem soaring clear to the flag court in deep right field.

Few in the crowd of 47,306 recognize her name. Not so her biggest hit, played at this recent Orioles-Yankees game to help introduce the guest singer.

"My boyfriend's back, he's gonna save my reputation.... If I were you, I'd take a permanent vacation."

Around the ballpark, feet are tapping and fingers are snapping.

"I haven't had such a rush of exhilaration in years," says Davison, 50. In the 1960s, she was the lead singer for a group called the Angels, whose "My Boyfriend's Back" is a frequently heard rock classic.

When it was recorded in 1963, she was a senior in high school — and already a seasoned performer.

In the pop-music business, a mega-hit can surpass the group that made it.

Though still performing occasionally, Davison now lives a quiet life in Owings Mills, Maryland, while studying for a second career in psychology.

Released in the summer of 1963, "Boyfriend" shot up the charts, reached No. 1 in four weeks and remained there for three more.

More than a generation later, "Boyfriend" remains one of the biggest hits on oldies stations across the country. It has been on the sound tracks of six feature films and a made-for-TV movie.

"Everybody knows 'Boyfriend,' but few remember who did it," Davison says. "The song has overshadowed even us."

That wasn't so in the mid-1960s, when teenagers on two continents equated the song with three photogenic girls who had bouffant hairdos and Pepsodent smiles.

In the late 1960s, the Angels began to fade. The group turned from stardom to supper clubs and studio work, providing background vocals for Jackie Wilson, Yvonne Lopez and Lou Christie.

Davison tried to adapt to changes in the industry. She cowrote "Beginn," a raucous top-20 tune for the Four Seasons; performed with the Serendipity Singers, a folk-rock group; dabbled in country music and recorded a disco album.

Nowadays, the Angels (now a duo of Davison and Phyllis Allbut; Barbara Allbut has retired) play the oldies circuit, doing "Boyfriend" for their 40-something fans.

Between gigs, Davison stays busy. She is working toward a master's degree in clinical psychology and is active in community work such as the Big Sister program. (The Baltimore Sun)

## James Garner: An enduring and endearing actor

CARLA HALL  
HOLLYWOOD



Reprising his TV role in the film 'Maverick,' Garner is the bemused everyman.

**J**AMES Garner does not go to the movies.

"Ohhh, I don't like to sit there too long," he says. "I don't like the crowds, I don't like to get out of the house if I don't have to. Parking. It's such a chore."

Yet here he sits in the Hotel Bel Air dining room, cheerfully saying you're going to want to do all those things to see his new movie, *Maverick*. (The film opened last week.)

"It's going to be a kick," he says. "We did have a ball making it. I asked [director] Dick Donner the second week, 'We're having so much fun, are we laughing ourselves into trouble here?'"

It has been 37 years since Warner Bros. officials called over to Japan where Marlon Brando was filming *Sayonara* and asked the producers to hurry up and send home a young contract actor, James Garner, to play Bret Maverick in their new television series.

By the time Garner was finished with *Maverick*, the tongue-in-

"And you know a shortcut, right?"

In fact, *Maverick* established two seminal things about Garner. One was that he is brazen enough to stand up to a studio in a legal battle. (Long before his famous 1984 suit against Universal, he successfully sued Warner for laying him off his \$2-week contract during a writers' strike.) The second was that he is the master of the wry, bemused everyman character.

In the four decades of his career, Garner has proved to be one of the most enduring and endearing actors in the business, accessible enough for television, commanding enough for movies, unpretentious enough for commercials.

He has done things you've probably forgotten — *The Americanization of Emily* and *Victor/Victoria*,

both with Julie Andrews — and things he'd rather forget about.

Along the way there were films like *Support Your Local Sheriff*, *Grand Prix* (he loved that because he got to drive racing cars), *The Children's Hour* and *The Great Escape*.

But it was television that let him distinguish himself from the pack, first with his charming gambler-adventurer, Bret Maverick, and then later with the witty, beleaguered private detective, Jim Rockford, of *The Rockford Files*.

In many ways, Rockford was a 1970s reincarnation of Bret Maverick.

"We kept sticking our tongue in our cheek, and that ruined a lot of detective shows," Garner says. "People would get to thinking, 'What would Rockford have done? He wouldn't have gotten a gun and gone chasing him.'"

Bret Maverick has never been quite out of circulation, living on in fans' fond memories and getting resuscitated in a short-lived 1981 series that Garner says never made him particularly happy.

But now there's a big screen rebirth and Garner is passing on the torch to Mel Gibson, who plays the glib gambler in Richard Donner's movie *Maverick*, which also stars Jodie Foster and Garner. Here, the actor says, he's content to sit by the poker table and on the stagecoach playing straight lawman Zane Cooper to Gibson's wisecracking Maverick.

GARNER SAYS his Maverick days are over. "That was a long time ago," he says. "I don't own it. It's wonderful to see Mel play it. He has such charm and wit. I've said before I don't know anybody who could play it like Mel could."

At 66, Garner is a veteran of bypass surgery who no longer smokes (well, he sneaks one now and then) and drinks only wine.

Garner is in some ways an old-fashioned Hollywood story. He never made it through 10th grade, leaving Norman, Oklahoma, where he'd been a high-school athlete, for Hollywood, where his father had relocated and was working as a carpet layer.

He briefly enrolled in Hollywood High School, earned some money doing swimsuit modeling and then shipped out with the merchant marine. Later, he spent 21 months in the Korean War where he earned two Purple Hearts.

When he returned to Hollywood after his stint in the army, he considered himself qualified for nothing. So he went off to see an agent friend who had once told him he ought to be in pictures. The agent signed him that day, and Garner has never wanted for work since.

He's married to his first and only wife, Lois, whom he met at an Adlai Stevenson rally 37 years ago. (Los Angeles Times)

## Redemption with a capital 'R'

THE DOUBLE

By Edna Mazza based on Dostoevsky's early novel of that name. Direction, Nola Chilton. Choreography, Daniela Mischel. Ser, Miriam Corsetti. Costumes, Ona Smorgonsky. Music, Shlomo Gronich. Lighting, Yehiel Orgel. Haifa Municipal Theater at Wadi Salib. Hebrew title, *HaKfl*.

**J**asha ..... Moni Moshonov  
His double ..... Yotam Yehi  
Petrovichka ..... Alex Munte  
The doctor ..... Aharon Almog

The best productions in this country are often those held in smaller theaters offering no special promise. This is one of them, and special it most certainly is.

With a tightly written text, a director's choreographed interpretation that makes of it an intriguingly surrealized masque and a subtle, sophisticated cast, we have an artistic event as uniquely intellectual as theatrical.

Jasha Golyadkin is a low-level

THEATER REVIEW  
NAOMI DOUDAI

Russian functionary endowed with still less charm and self-esteem.

For this he compensates with a rich life of fantasy and extravagant bragging. But one day after unsuccessfully crashing His Excellency's Ball, he finds himself in confrontation with a doppelganger.

Embodied in the double of the title, he faces his second self.

As he struggles with the stranger within, the layers of personality peel off, exposing the true strengths and sickness of psyche and soul.

This is Dostoevsky's drama of human suffering and redemption at its most intense.

Moments of horrific insight and

self-recognition lead up to the latter.

Moni Moshonov is his usual sunny self and immensely entertaining in his projection of Golyadkin at the exuberant extrovert level.

There is, however, a lack of subtlety in his portrayal of the darker recesses of the personality of tragic failure. Yotam Yehi, as his double, makes up for this with a highly sensitive, finely tuned performance.

Aharon Almog's richly eccentric medico, Alex Munte's monosyllabic servant, and Yehiel Friedlander's clerk are also memorable studies.

There are inspired direction concepts, especially in the carriage, the ball and the consultation scenes, as well as intriguing, slyly suggestive costumes and a spartan set rich in colorful surprises.

## A road leading to mystery

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

belly dancer whose expertise surpassed that of the women.

Chen Henskwitz is not the first to enter what is widely regarded as a woman's field. Nevertheless, his debut at the Suzanne Dellal Theater last week was a novelty — but it was not really a solo performance, for the amazing percussionist Amir Yakov occupied as much of the time, if not more, in showing off his exceptional skills.

The dancer proved himself most adept at swinging his hips. In a variety of glittering costumes that left him bare almost to the crotch but always elegant, he seemed less pliant in rotating his abdomen.

This reduced the limited vocabulary of belly dance, but his shivering of his entire body was remarkable. His rhythmic movements were strongly defined and his ability to travel while continuing to sway thighs and hips, arms and hands, was impressive.

Appearing first as a figure supporting a candelabrum of burning candles, he later introduced a veil and a stick as the more customary accoutrements of oriental dance.

ONE ADVANTAGE of movement as taught by Prof. Amos Hertz, following the Eshkol-Wachmann notation system and the Noa Eshkol movement methods, is that it endows the performers with an aspect of grace whatever their size, shape, and costume.

This was immediately evident at the end-of-term display by students of the Jerusalem Rubin Academy Movement-Dance Department at Habama in Talpott last week.

In silence or with metronomic guidance, the dancers shifted smoothly without disturbing the flow of action, quick or slow.

At the beginning, six women improvised poses that were reminders of Tai-Chi. Thereafter, the routines became increasingly complicated and mobile, even where the item took no more than a few seconds.

## Legendary act

HELEN KAYE

**T**HIS is one time that the overused "legendary" really fits. *Blood Sweat and Tears* is the headline act at this year's Jazz on the Red Sea at Eilat Port from August 27-30.

Headed by singer David Clayton-Thomas, the world-renowned jazz and rock band makes music with the same energy and power as it did 30 years ago.

Other class acts include the Archie Shepp Quartet, the Michel Camilo trio, Mike Mainieri and American Dairy, all from the US, with Bireli Lagrene, the 28-year-old Finnish guitarist who started his stage career when he was four.

Local stars include a sextet led by Iris and Ofer Portugali, Jazz Zeppelin with Alon Nadel on bass guitar, drummer Arale Kaminski and Friends and the Amikam Kimmelman quartet.

## Woe is he: Medieval lamentations

CONCERT ROUNDUP

**A** rare opportunity for listening to the seldom-heard countertenor in a selection of even more rarely encountered medieval lamentations was provided by Paul Gerhardt Adam from Germany.

The unfamiliar melodic structure of the 12th- to 14th-century songs may strike one as remote from any everyday musical experiences, but their direct emotional communicativeness is nonetheless striking.

Adam displays an uncommonly pure, clear countertenor voice, soft but crystalline even in the highest registers, never sounding constrained or shrill.

Intonation is impeccably clean, although the intervals are entirely unrelated to any concept of conventional harmony. His natural baritone voice, in two of the pieces, richly dark in timber and elastically flowing, came as another pleasant surprise.

Lutheran Redeemer Church, July 14. Ury Eppstein

brought here from Bulgaria to provide some musical diversion for an audience badly needing a rest between its exhausting buying and browsing spree among the many stalls of the International Arts and Crafts Fair.

The ensemble — consisting of singers, six players of authentic folk instruments and dancers — performs in a thoroughly professional, highly polished manner while retaining a quality of immense freshness and spontaneity.

The singers, in solos, duets and choir, display that characteristic high-pitched Balkan-style voice production, with its peculiar ornamentations, which constitutes their particular charm, sadly diminished, though, by a brutal amplification system.

Among the instrumentalists, each of which is an accomplished artist in its own right, the folk clarinet was outstanding for its specific tone color.

The dance numbers, too elegantly well rehearsed to pass as pure folklore, still conveyed the

traditional spirit and original elements of movement.

The dancers' stylized imitation of marionette movements from the folkloric puppet theater was especially hilarious.

In its richly varied program, the troupe demonstrated that Bulgarian musical folklore has a fascination all its own. International Arts and Crafts Fair, July 19. Ury Eppstein

## TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	2	HIT MAN 1994	VOLUME 5
#2	15	DAVID BROZA	MASADA
#3	1	FILM SOUND TRACK	LION KING
#4	8	MARIAH CAREY	MUSIC BOX
#5	14	SHLOMO ARTZI	COMPLETE COLLECTION
#6	4	TOP POP 1994	VOLUME 4
#7	8	SLYVIA	LIVE
#8	10	LEONARD COHEN	LIVE
#9	11	HIT BOX	VOLUME 5
#10	7	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#11	1	RE	VIA
#12	5	ZIKNEI TZFAT	ZIKNEI TZFAT
#13	3	AEROSMITH	GET A GRIP
#14	9	ACHINOAMI NINI	NINI AND DOR
#15	1	OR FLL SHOOT	DANNY ROBAS

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE — re-entry

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## Lithuania wins youth hoops title

JOEL GORDIN

LITHUANIA won the youth basketball crown last night, unexpectedly beating Croatia 73-71 in a thrilling, nail-biting finish to the 16th European Basketball Championships for Junior Men at Yad Elyahu.

Lithuania trailed their hitherto unbeaten opponents with only six minutes to go. The Lithuanians then caught up to draw even at 71-71 with 10 seconds left. Lithuania missed a free throw, but Andreas Yankunis scored after a steal to seal the contest.

In the last second, a Croatian player narrowly missed a suicide shot from more than halfway down the court.

In the battle for third place, Spain beat Italy 87-76, and Israel was thrashed 76-56 by Turkey for ninth place to finish a disappointing 10th, well below the fifth place they reached in the 1992 tournament in Hungary.

Israel played a slow-moving, unsettled game, giving the 500+ crowd little to cheer about. Maccabi Tel Aviv's Guy Jano scored 18 points.

Israel had an overall 3-4 record in the tournament, beating Italy and Germany in the preliminaries and Ukraine in the playoffs. They lost to Slovenia, Greece, Lithuania in the preliminaries and to Turkey in the final round.

Final standings: 1. Lithuania 2. Croatia 3. Spain 4. Italy 5. France 6. Greece 7. Slovenia 8. Russia 9. Turkey 10. Israel 11. Ukraine 12. Germany.

## Liverpool ready to sell Hutchison after holiday prank

LONDON (Reuters) - Liverpool transfer-listed midfielder Don Hutchison yesterday following his third public misdemeanor in 12 months.

The 23-year-old Scotland B international was also fined two weeks' wages and banned from Liverpool's pre-season tour of Germany, which starts on Thursday.

Liverpool's action came 24 hours after a photograph in a national newspaper showed Hutchison with his trousers down and a beer label stuck over his private parts while on holiday in Cyprus.

Last year Hutchison was fined £3,000 for exposing himself in a Liverpool nightclub and earlier this summer he was bound over to keep the peace by Newcastle magistrates after appearing on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Liverpool manager Roy Evans said, "We decided to take disciplinary action against Don for what we feel is unreasonable behavior against the standards of this club."

## Dan Schneider, Shani Tal in first-game wins

LARRY LEVENBERG

DAN SCHNEIDER Sports and Shani Tal Tigers each won the first game of their best-of-three semifinal playoff series in yesterday's action of The Jerusalem Post Softball League.

Dan Schneider came from 8-0 down to beat Pasta la Pizza 15-13 as Art Lenk and Chuck Harris each hit home runs and Gary Davis went 5-for-5. Steve Leibowitz was the winning pitcher.

For Pasta, Richard Duffy drove in three runs, and Danny Gewirtz had three hits.

In the nightcap, Shani Tal beat Hassat Benny 3-2. Jerry Glantz, Carlos Kanterowicz and Eli Wietz drove in the runs. Ari Kanterowicz got the win while fanning seven.

For Benny, Beryl Thomas and Chaim Forst notched the RBIs.

The second games are scheduled for tonight at Kibbutz Gezer.

# Match referee: Atherton 'foolish in the extreme'

LONDON (Reuters) - England captain Mike Atherton's decision to have dirt in his pocket to dry his hands during the first test against South Africa was described as "foolish in the extreme" by match referee Peter Burge yesterday.

In a hard-hitting statement Burge, the former Australian test player, also accused Atherton of damaging cricket's image.

But Burge said he did not propose any further action against Atherton over the "dirt in the pocket affair".

Burge said he considered Sunday's £2,000 fine on Atherton and "resultant publicity and public scrutiny" sufficient penalty.

The England captain was captured on TV on Saturday rubbing his hand in his trouser pocket and then rubbing his fingers on his ball.

That evening after an investigation into the incident Burge ruled that Atherton had done "nothing untoward". But he was not told by Atherton about the dirt in his pocket.

"The fact that Atherton has misled an ICC referee by not giving a full and frank disclosure when given the opportunity to do so concerns me more than anything else because of the effect on the image of cricket," said Burge, in his statement released from Lord's.

Atherton's explanation over the dirt did not come until 24 hours after Burge's investigation.

Burge said: "The action of having dirt in his pocket in order to dry his hands was foolish in the extreme and cannot be condoned, particularly by a law by a test captain."

"Law 42.1 says that captains are responsible at all times for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the laws."

The British press had their say as well. "Atherton's dirty deeds", "The soiled skipper" and "Dirt on his hands" were among the headlines on the sports pages of British papers the morning after Atherton had tried to explain his action, if not the defeat with a day to spare.

Editorials in several British dailies said the TCCB had increased the speculation of ball tampering by not taking immediate action on Saturday.

The Daily Telegraph questioned the fine for using the dirt after the match authorities had "all accepted there was nothing illegal in Atherton's drying of his fingers on dirt."

It added: "Unfortunately, by fining him for the use of dirt, the chairman seems to have signaled that he does not share the captain's view of his innocence."

The Daily Mail said "Captain Clean" had with his fine paid a "small price" for the "decent" that has "brought the honor of the England captaincy".

It wrote: "In a different, less cynical, era it would have meant a dismissal for Atherton."

A British member of parliament yesterday called on the selectors to sack Atherton, "to show they are people who still believe in the spirit of the game."

Papers said England could no longer point a finger at other nations over ball tampering.

England were involved in a row over allegations of ball tampering made against the Pakistan test side in 1992 when their last bowler, Waqar Yousuf, was accused of destroying the England batting.

Atherton's dreadful weekend not helped with his early dismissal. England's second innings was bowled out for 99 runs, the worst total at Lord's this century.

"I kept England return to the ages," ran a banner headline in the Times.

The editor of the respected *Cricket Monthly*, David Frith, however, came out in Atherton's defense. "He has been fined for something which did not contravene any rule of law," Frith said.

Asked why Atherton was fined, Frith told the BBC: "I think it will go down in history as one of the most absurd pronouncements of all time. £1,000 because he used dirt."

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LORDING IT OVER - South African cricket manager Mike Proctor waves his country's flag as the rest of the team celebrates from the balcony at Lord's after their defeat of England on the fourth day of the first five-day Test.

it of the game as well as within the laws."

The British press had their say as well. "Atherton's dirty deeds", "The soiled skipper" and "Dirt on his hands" were among the headlines on the sports pages of British papers the morning after Atherton had tried to explain his action, if not the defeat with a day to spare.

Editorials in several British dailies said the TCCB had increased the speculation of ball tampering by not taking immediate action on Saturday.

The Daily Telegraph questioned the fine for using the dirt after the match authorities had "all accepted there was nothing illegal in Atherton's drying of his fingers on dirt."

It added: "Unfortunately, by fining him for the use of dirt, the chairman seems to have signaled that he does not share the captain's view of his innocence."

The Daily Mail said "Captain Clean" had with his fine paid a "small price" for the "decent" that has "brought the honor of the England captaincy".

It wrote: "In a different, less cynical, era it would have meant a dismissal for Atherton."

A British member of parliament yesterday called on the selectors to sack Atherton, "to show they are people who still believe in the spirit of the game."

Papers said England could no longer point a finger at other nations over ball tampering.

England were involved in a row over allegations of ball tampering made against the Pakistan test side in 1992 when their last bowler, Waqar Yousuf, was accused of destroying the England batting.

Atherton's dreadful weekend not helped with his early dismissal. England's second innings was bowled out for 99 runs, the worst total at Lord's this century.

"I kept England return to the ages," ran a banner headline in the Times.

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## Mattingly's 9th-inning pinch HR trips Angels

ANAHEIM (AP) - Don Mattingly, making a rare appearance as a pinch-hitter, hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees concluded a 10-1 road trip with a 6-4 win over the California Angels on Sunday.

The victory helped the Yankees complete their most successful West Coast trip in history. New York, which rallied to win in the ninth inning in three games on the trip, scored four times in the ninth to win their fifth straight.

Mark Langston held the Yankees to six hits in eight innings. With one out in the ninth, Mike Stanley singled off Langston, who walked Jim Leyritz and was replaced by Joe Grahe (2-5). After a wild pitch, Mattingly, called on to pinch-hit for the first time this season, lined a 2-2 fastball into the rightfield seats for his sixth home run. Mattingly, who collected his 2,000th career hit in his final at-bat on Saturday night, is 7-for-27 as a pinch-hitter during his career.

Jim Abbott (8-7) balled his way through eight innings, allowing seven hits and four runs. Steve Howe pitched the ninth for his 12th save.

White Sox 4, Indians 2. Julio Franco homered and drove in three runs and Alex Fernandez cooled off host Cleveland, leading Chicago to a victory in the final meeting this season between the AL Central leaders.

The White Sox and Indians split their final four games series, allowing first-place Chicago to remain two games ahead of Cleveland - the same margin they brought with them Thursday. The teams also split four games in Chicago last weekend.

Chicago won the season series 7-5. Fernandez (10-7) gave up two runs and six hits in eight innings, guiding a Cleveland team that had scored 25 runs over the previous three games.

Paul Assenmacher got one out in the ninth and Roberto Hernandez finished up for his 12th save.

Charles Nagy (8-7) allowed four runs and eight hits in eight innings. The Indians have totaled just 19 runs in his seven losses.

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 2. Streaking Toronto won its eighth straight game despite getting just four hits to complete a four-game home sweep.

Brad Corbett gave up five hits in six innings for his first major-league win for the two-time defending World Series champions, who are 7-0 at home since the All-Star break.

The AL West-leading Rangers have lost five of their last six. Corbett (1-2) allowed six runs in just one-third of an inning in his last start.

Danny Cox pitched the ninth for his third save.

Paul Molitor led off the eighth with his 14th homer, and in four games to put Toronto ahead 4-2.

Roger Pavlik (1-5) gave up four hits in 7 1/2 innings.

Red Sox 8, Mariners 2. Mike Greenwell went 4-for-5 with a homer and John Valentin drove in three runs to lead Roger Clemens and the Red Sox to a win at Fenway.

The Red Sox and Mariners split the four-game series which was moved to Boston because of falling ceiling tiles in the Kingdom.

Boston collected 16 hits to back Clemens (9-5), who allowed five hits and one run in seven innings. He struck out six and walked two, throwing 108 pitches before retiring after the Red Sox scored three runs in the seventh.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Expos 7, Dodgers 4. Rookie Rondell White drove in all seven Montreal runs with a homer, double and two singles as the hosts won their sixth straight.

The Expos swept the three-game series and improved to 60-37, the best record in the NL.

The Dodgers, leading the NL West, lost their fifth in a row. They dropped to 2-8 on a road trip that concludes with a three-game series at Candlestick Park against Darryl Strawberry and the San Francisco Giants.

White went 4-for-5, striking out once with the bases loaded. The 22-year-old left fielder had made just 10 starts this season and was batting .255 with four RBIs in 51 at-bats.

Giants 8, Mets 6. Barry Bonds celebrated his 30th birthday by driving in three runs, including a go-ahead single in the top of the eighth inning.

The Giants are 12-2 since the arrival of Darryl Strawberry, who went 1-for-3 and drove in a run.

Bonds' two-out, two-run single off John Franco gave the Giants a 7-6 lead. Matt Williams followed with an RBI single.

Astros 13, Pirates 1. Jeff Bagwell homered twice and drove in five runs and Craig Biggio hit a grand slam as Houston won at home.

The Astros won three times in the four-game series, outscoring the Pirates 38-11. Houston pulled within one game of the NL Central-leading Reds, and begins a three-game series at Cincinnati on Monday.

Bagwell leads the majors with 98 RBIs. He has hit 32 home runs, and his 20 homers this season at the Astrodome broke the team record of 18 set by Lee May in 1974.

Phillies 5, Padres 3. Danny Jackson pitched seven strong innings and won his 13th game - his highest victory total in six years as Philadelphia notched a home win.

Shula signs milestone pact. DAVIE, Fla. (AP) - Don Shula signed a new contract with the Miami Dolphins that will give him a minority ownership and let him coach through 1996 unless he decides to run the team from the front office.

"It will be Don's decision," Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga said. "He can coach as long as he wants."

"As long as Don feels the way he does mentally and physically, there's no reason to be making a change," said Huizenga, who also owns baseball's Florida Marlins and the NFL's Florida Panthers.

The announcement came a week after Shula, the coach with the most wins in NFL history, let it be known he might not coach past this year when his contract expired. There was speculation after Jimmy Johnson left the Dallas Cowboys that Huizenga might recruit him to replace Shula.

Shula said he's aiming for a record sixth appearance in a Super Bowl.

"I don't know where I'll ever find a substitute for what happens on game day when that ball is kicked off," he said.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AT 3RD BASE - Toronto's Roberto Alomar steals third base as ball gets by Rangers' Doug Strange. Alomar scored on the play.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	80	38	.682	-
Cleveland	54	41	.568	6.5
Boston	47	50	.485	13.5
Toronto	47	50	.485	13.5
Detroit	43	55	.439	18

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	59	38	.606
Cleveland	56	39	.588
Kansas City	51	47	.520
Minnesota	46	51	.474
Milwaukee	45	53	.459

## West Division

	W	L	Pct
Texas	46	52	.469
Oakland	44	54	.448
California	42	58	.420
Seattle	40	56	.417

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## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	60	37	.619	-
Atlanta	59	37	.612	1.5
Philadelphia	47	52	.475	14
New York	48	52	.484	15
Florida	45	53	.459	15.5

## Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	57	40	.588	-
Cincinnati	57	42	.576	1
Pittsburgh	48	51	.474	11
St. Louis	48	51	.474	11
Chicago	43	53	.448	13.5

## West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	48	50	.490	-
San Francisco	47	52	.475	1.5
Colorado	47	53	.470	2
San Diego	39	61	.390	10

**DAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
April 7, Los Angeles 4

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## Mitchell beats Burrell, Lewis in 100m sprint

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) - Dennis Mitchell outran a star-studded field yesterday to win the 100 meters at the Goodwill Games in 10.07 seconds.

Mitchell beat a group that included world record-holder Leroy Burrell and Carl Lewis, the two-time Olympic champion and former world record-holder.

Mitchell blazed out of the blocks and held the lead throughout. Burrell, who set the world record of 9.85 seconds July 6 at Lausanne, Switzerland, came on strong at the end to finish second in 10.11. Jon Drummond was third in 10.12.

Earlier, Gwen Torrence sped to her second Goodwill Games sprint title in two days - and she did it in record fashion.

Torrence, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, raced to victory in 22.09 seconds, breaking the Goodwill record of 22.12 set by fellow American Pam Marshall in 1986.

Torrence, winner of the 100 Sprint day, again beat her chief rival, Inna Privatova of Russia. Privatova, the runner-up in the 100, again was second in the 200 in 22.33.

On the hardwood yesterday, the US basketball team advanced to the semifinals with a 99-80 win over China, setting up a showdown for the inexperienced Americans against the undefeated Italians.

Lon Roe topped the US with 19 and Michael Finley had 16. China's top scorer was Sun Jun with 20.

The US victory partly atoned for a 77-75 loss to Russia, but it was a convincing coming against the Chinese. The Americans scored mostly on transition baskets and a wide edge in rebounding, but even those advantages came only in spurts.

The Italians advanced to the semifinals with an 83-69 win Monday over Puerto Rico. The other semifinal Wednesday will pit Puerto Rico against Russia.

Barcelona (AP) - Romanian striker Gheorghe Hagi, one of the stars of this summer's World Cup, has signed a two-year contract with FC Barcelona club vice president Joan Gaspart announced yesterday.

Hagi, who has played for Brescia since the fall of 1992, will join the club's August 1 when Spain's top team presents its players for the 1994-1995 season, Gaspart said.

Barcelona's Dutch coach Johan Cruyff "wanted Hagi, and now we've got him," Gaspart said.

A misunderstanding about tax payments in Hagi's contract, reported to be about \$1 million a year, forced the collapse of several days of negotiations when Hagi arrived in Barcelona for an exam by team doctors.

"The player understood his payment was tax-free, and Barcelona just can't do that. FC Barcelona kept that position, and Hagi changed his," Hagi's spokesman said.

Hagi, 29, was one of the genuine greats at the World Cup and his three goals and superior play was a big reason behind Romania's charge to the quarterfinals, where it lost to Sweden in a penalty shootout.

Meanwhile yesterday, confusion surrounded the future of colorful US World Cup star defender Alexi Lalas.

Germany's Bochum cast doubt on reports that Lalas had signed to join newly promoted Italian first division club Padova. Bochum manager Klaus Hilpert said he had talks with Lalas and still hoped the American might join them.

Bochum bought US striker Erik Wynalda from Saarbrücken recently and hoped his presence might tempt Lalas.

But in Rome, Italy's media has already started hailing the American's arrival. "Welcome Buffalo Lalas, the First Yankee to Play in Italy," ran a frontpage headline in *Corriere dello Sport*.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Media struggles with jets

They Media found the mission of their report on NFL football team trading. On the first day of trading, the New York Jets traded the US team's star player, quarterback Jonathon Stewart, to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Jets traded Stewart to the Buccaneers for a first-round draft pick in the 1995 draft.

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Never Jonathan off to hot start. In local sports news, New York Jets' quarterback Jonathon Stewart, who was traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, had a hot start in his first game with the Buccaneers.

Rugby biter suspended till 1995. South African rugby player John Smit was suspended until 1995 for his role in a 1993 rugby match between South Africa and New Zealand.

Cautionary note. The New York Jets' decision to trade Jonathon Stewart to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers was a cautionary note for other teams.

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# Court ruling on Yi'ud draws fire from MKs

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice's 3-2 decision yesterday that two Yi'ud MKs cannot serve as a minister and deputy minister has generated opposition across the political spectrum.

The ruling does not prevent Yi'ud from joining the coalition, but it does prevent Gonen Segev from becoming energy minister and Alex Goldfarb from being appointed deputy housing minister, as originally stipulated in the coalition agreement.

Justices Meir Shamgar, Eliezer Goldberg and Zvi Tal made the decision, with Justices Michael Cheshin and Theodore Orr dissenting. The court will give its reasons for the decision at a later date.

The ruling was in response to a petition by the B'tzedek organization and Tsomet secretary-general Doron Shmueli. It was based on an amendment to the Basic Law: The Knesset which states that an MK who leaves his party cannot become a minister or deputy minister while during that Knesset. The question was whether this sanction also applies when a party splits in two, as was the case the Yi'ud MKs broke away from Tsomet.

The court apparently accepted the petitioners' argument that since there are a number of other sanctions listed in the law which specifically say they do not apply to a party which breaks up, the lack of any similar provision in the clause under discussion meant the Knesset intended it to apply to breakaway factions as well as individuals.

However, MKs ranging from law committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) to former justice minister Dan Meridor (Likud) said this was not the Knesset's intention when it passed the law. It will therefore probably be easy for the coalition to change the law, as it seems likely to do.

"[The court] gave a slap in the face to the legislature's intention," complained Michael Eitan (Likud), one of the initiators of the amendment. "The intention of the legislature was very clear... [The Knesset and the High Court] have reached a state of war."

Just as the Knesset must take the High Court's opinion into account when passing laws, he said,



Yi'ud MKs Gonen Segev (standing), Alex Goldfarb, and Esther Salmovitz ponder yesterday's High Court of Justice ruling against the appointment of their faction's MKs to the cabinet. (Isaac Harari)

the court should take the Knesset's intent into account when interpreting them. And this law was meant to punish individuals who left their parties - not new factions.

"The Knesset decided, according to the Basic Law: The Knesset, to recognize Yi'ud as a faction in every respect," Eitan said. "This decision was never overturned by the High Court. Now, without any legal basis, the High Court's decision has created a new status: that of a crippled faction, whose functioning is restricted."

However, attorney Isaiah Scheller, representing the petitioners, denied that the ruling represented an intrusion into the Knesset's territory. The question at issue was purely one of interpreting the law, he said, and this is the High Court's job.

"The High Court simply adopted our interpretation of the law [instead of the government's]," he said. "It could be that the MKs didn't intend this to be the result - but if so, the Knesset should reword the law to make it clearer, he said."

Tsomet's Shmueli expressed satisfaction with the ruling. "I think the High Court meted out justice, and put an end to the phenomenon of crossing party lines for personal gain in Israeli political life," he said.

Shmueli said he was not bothered by the fact that Yi'ud could still put non-MKs in its ministerial slots, since the court's ruling applies only to sitting MKs.

"[The important thing] is that the MK who stole the votes himself won't benefit," he said.

MK Esther Salmovitz, the only Yi'ud MK who refused to join the

coalition, was also delighted with the ruling.

"What is really undemocratic is to take 67,000 votes [given to Tsomet] and transfer them to the left's camp," she said.

So far, since Yi'ud has decided to stay in the coalition, the most likely option is that the government will try to amend the law so that Segev and Goldfarb can become ministers. However, Segev said the appointment of party members who are not MKs to these slots is still a possibility.

Yi'ud secretary-general Hemi Doron did not even rule out the suggestion that Segev might resign his Knesset seat to become Energy Minister. When asked about this option, he replied: "It's an interesting possibility, isn't it?"

However, it seems unlikely that such a move would be looked on favorably by the government,

since if Segev resigns, it is Tsomet, not Yi'ud, that would have the right to fill the vacant seat. This means the government would obtain only one vote - Goldfarb's - in exchange for the posts it had promised.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin raged yesterday at the Knesset for legislating "stupid laws," according to him. He was speaking to Israeli reporters in Washington.

For example, the insertion of the Declaration of Independence into the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation - which has been a major obstacle to Shas rejoining the coalition - was a piece of stupidity, he said.

Laws like this are prepared by jurists who have never had to deal with implementation, and who are merely trying to provide employment for other jurists, he charged.

## Body of Buenos Aires bomber found as death toll rises to 80

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Rescue workers believe they have discovered the remains of one of the terrorists responsible for the Buenos Aires blast last week. Israeli Radio reported last night.

The body was discovered in the charred remains of an automobile which officials suspect housed the car bomb which exploded last Monday in the building housing Argentina's main Jewish center.

Rescue workers yesterday pulled 22 more bodies from the wreckage, bringing the confirmed toll to 80 dead.

Jewish groups say another 20 people are still missing.

OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livnat, who heads an IDF rescue team, said his group would finish its task late yesterday or early today and

had given up all hope of finding survivors.

"The state of the bodies we have recovered means there is no hope of finding anyone else alive," Livnat told a radio interviewer.

Rescue team members had raised hopes when they arrived last week, saying people had been known to survive up to six days in earthquake ruins they had worked in.

The blast destroyed the Jewish center at around 10 a.m. last Monday, and rescue teams observed a somber silence yesterday.

Tourism Minister Uri Barak was to meet President Carlos Menem yesterday to ask the Argentinian government to do its utmost to catch the bombers.

## Livnat: Authorities negligent in caring for boy attacked in school

DAN IZENBERG and HANNA SHAPIRO

LIKUD MK Limor Livnat yesterday accused the government and the Nahariya Municipality of failing to adequately care for a nine-year-old boy, suffering severe psychiatric problems following an attack in class last year.

Livnat said the situation was "scandalous."

Last September, classmates of the third grade boy undressed him and stuck a pencil up his penis. Since then, the boy has not spoken, does not control his bowel movements and requires 24-hour-a-day care, said Livnat. He is undergoing intensive psychiatric treatment, including drugs, and has to be transported from his home in Nahariya to the Gela Psychiatric Hospital.

The incident has also seriously disrupted the life of the boy's family. His older brother, who cared for him immediately after the attack, is now undergoing psychological treatment and the family requires the care of a social worker.

"The treatment of the family is very problematic," said Livnat. "No one is ready to accept responsibility. They all say, 'it's not me.'"

Livnat, speaking before the Knesset education committee, pointed the finger at the Education Ministry, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, the Nahariya Municipality and the government insurance company, Inbal.

She charged that Inbal refused to underwrite the costs of treatment, care and transportation for the boy. Kupat Holim Clalit agreed to finance 30 psychiatric treatments, "but why does the family have to resort to favors and what will happen after the 30 treatments are over?" said Livnat.

The family cannot afford the costs of psychological treatment for the boy's brother. Friends of the family have been canvassing donations to cover the costs, Livnat said.

For the past seven months, a social worker has visited the family, she added.

Livnat said that since the incident occurred in school, the Education Ministry should take overall responsibility for the family and see to it that all the other institutions fulfill their duties.

At yesterday's meeting, Yael Malka, adviser to Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein, promised to coordinate the treatment, and promised to report back to the committee next week. Malka also announced that the ministry would establish a fund to cover the costs involved in such incidents in the future.

Livnat confirmed that Nahariya Mayor Jackie Sabag, who is abroad, gave orders to municipal employees not to attend the committee meeting.

The psychological counseling service will only begin treating the youngster on Sunday, according to Malka.

Malka said the ministry had entered the picture in April, and had arranged with Clalit, the insurance company covering accidents for schoolchildren, for the family to receive \$20 a day for their expenses relating to the tragedy. The courts were still dealing with the issue of whether the family should also receive compensation from Inbal, the government insurance company covering events in the classroom.

This, he said, was because there were two versions as to how the incident occurred. According to one version, the pencil was inserted into the child's penis in the classroom itself during a lesson, while according to the company, it occurred on the way home from school.

Malka said it was for the court to decide whether Inbal was liable, but that meanwhile the ministry had arranged with Kupat Holim to give all necessary treatment.

## Bill would keep most debtors out of jail

EVELYN GORDON

DEBTORS may not be put in prison, unless they are able to pay their debt but have refused to pay their debt, according to a bill approved yesterday by the Knesset law committee.

The bill is to be brought to the plenum for its second and third readings this week.

The legislation was initiated by the Justice Ministry in response to a High Court of Justice ruling which said debtors could not be imprisoned without being brought before a judge. According to MK Eli Goldschmidt (Labor), who chaired the subcommittee which prepared the bill, the legislation is a "transition stage" on the road to outlawing imprisonment for debt entirely, as the rest of the Western world has done. In the meantime, he said, it ensures that imprisonment for debt will no longer be routine.

The bill states that a debtor can be put in prison only after he has been brought before the head of the execution office and given

a chance to explain his side of the case. Previously, imprisonment orders could be issued if the debtor failed to respond to a notice telling him to pay up. In practice, however, the debtors often failed to receive these notices.

If the debtor tells the execution office that he can't pay the debt, the office must investigate this claim, and if it turns out to be true, he cannot be imprisoned at all. Imprisonment will be an option only if the debtor can afford to pay the debt, but has disobeyed a court order to do so.

If a debtor claims to be without means, the execution office must issue an interim injunction reducing his payments until it has investigated the claim. To prevent debtors from taking advantage of this, however, the office can impose a number of sanctions on any debtor who makes this claim: He can be forbidden to leave the

country, write checks, use a credit card or hold a controlling position in a business. He will also be entered in a database of bad debtors, and his name will remain there until his debt is paid.

Another important change is that no debtor will have to stay in prison for more than seven days at a stretch, instead of the previous limit of 21 days. The Justice Ministry explained that keeping someone in prison for long stretches of time prevents him from raising the money needed to repay his debt. Furthermore, police statistics show that 96% of all imprisoned debtors are released within 10 days anyway.

Goldschmidt noted that the major problem created by the bill is that the execution offices simply do not have the staff needed to investigate debtors' financial situations. The bill therefore states that the justice minister can empower other ministry employees to perform such investigations as well.

## GSS: Far fewer casualties since implementation of Gaza/Jericho autonomy

DAN IZENBERG

THE head of the General Security Service presented figures yesterday indicating a drastic drop in the number of intifada-related casualties and incidents since the implementation of autonomy in Gaza and Jericho, according to sources on the Knesset foreign affairs and defense committee.

He also told the committee that the GSS is investigating the cases of 117 Israeli Arab security prisoners, to determine whether their release can be expedited.

Eight Israelis have been killed in Israel and the territories during the months of May, June and July, compared with 28 in the previous three months, he said. Twenty-nine Israelis were wounded during the past three months, compared with 121 in the months of February, March and April.

The number of Palestinians killed since the self-rule began

has dropped from 34 to 10.

During the past three months, the number of violent incidents in the Gaza District dropped from 480 to 60, inside the Green Line from 22 to six, and in Jerusalem from 98 to 33.

Binyamin Netanyahu (Likud) reportedly expressed surprise at the figures and said they did not tally with his information.

Ran Cohen (Meretz) said the statistics were proof of the success of the Gaza/Jericho agreement.

Meanwhile, the GSS head also told the committee that security officials are examining the cases of Israeli security prisoners with the intention of reducing some sentences. The examination includes the nature of the crime, the portion of the sentence already served, and the conduct of the prisoner.

He stressed that no one convicted of killing Jews will be given an early release.

### KNESSET BRIEFS

**Radiation victims to get damages**  
Immigrants who fell ill as a result of radiation treatments for ringworm during the 1950s will be compensated, according to a law passed yesterday. Among other things, the law provides that those suffering more than 40 percent disability will receive a one-time payment of NIS 50,000. Those suffering more than 75% will receive NIS 100,000.

**Some youth to be eligible for dole**  
Some young men and women aged 18-20 will be entitled to unemployment compensation despite an anti-dole law passed last week abolishing the payments for that age group. According to secondary legislation approved by the labor and social affairs committee, anyone in that age bracket who comes from a poor family, is an orphan, has been abandoned by his family or is a former convict will be entitled to the payment.

**Law preserves reservists' rights**  
The Knesset passed into law a bill initiated by Naomi Chazan (Meretz) stipulating the IDF must inform reserve soldiers of their rights in writing at all times, including the amount of advance notice before a call-up, the maximum number of days the reservist must serve, and the minimum amount of time that must elapse between one reserve stint and another.

**New women's committee head**  
Likud MK Naomi Blumenthal took over the chairmanship of the committee on women's affairs from party colleague Limor Livnat.

**New law aids credit card users**  
Customers who pay by monthly installments with a credit card for goods which they do not receive will be entitled to cancel the balance of the payments, according to a law passed yesterday. The law also stipulates that a card holder charged for a forged bill can get a refund. Dan Izenberg

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